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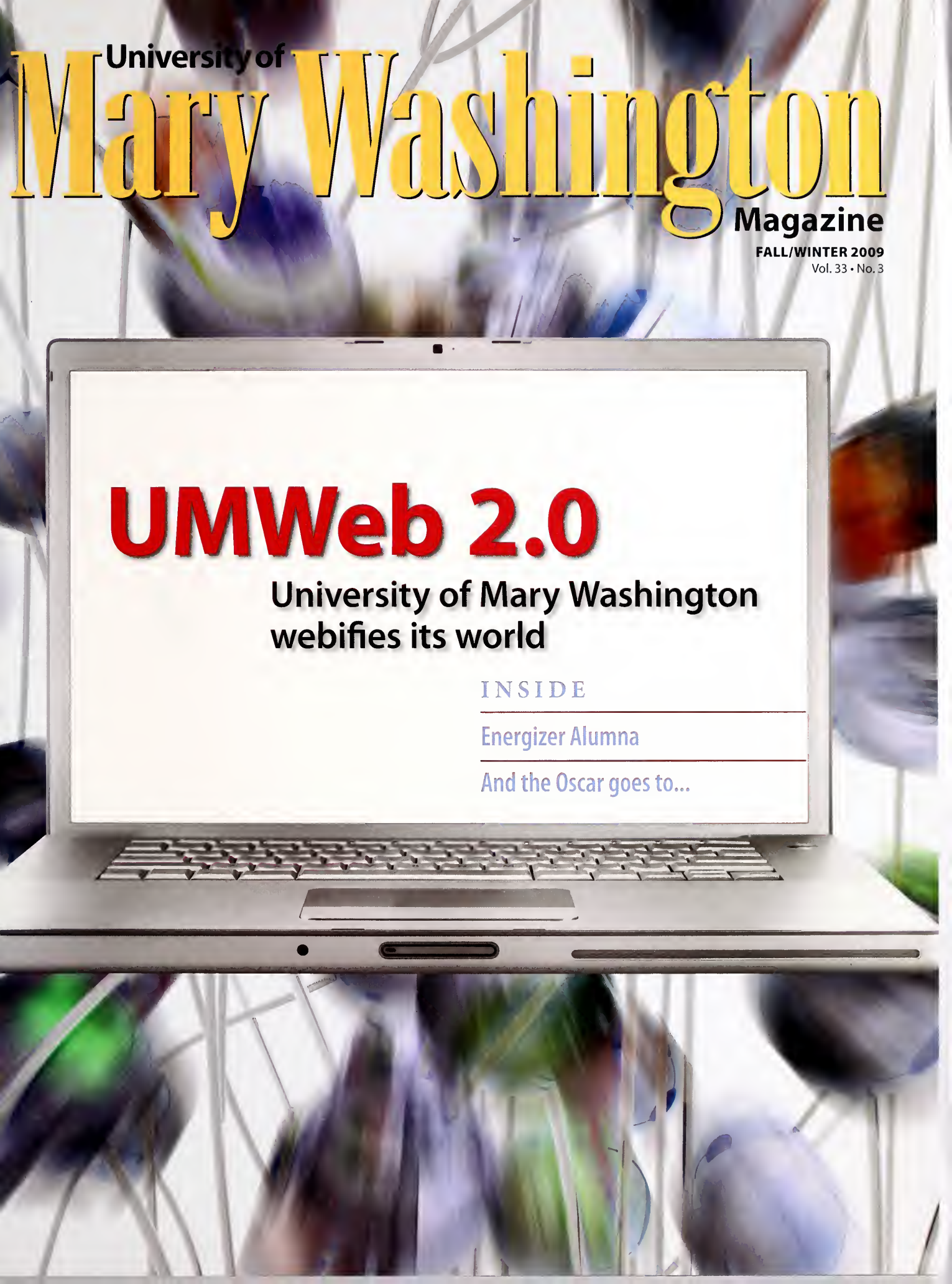

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A sculpture of President Monroe gazes over the courtyard of the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The building has reopened after a seven-month renovation.

Photo by Lynda Richardson '81.

Letters to the **Editor**

Dear Editor,

The Summer 2009 issue just arrived in the mail. Congratulations on a wonderful issue. I read and re-read the section about the experiences of Peace Corps volunteers. I wish to extend my congratulations to UMW for becoming the kind of university I wish it had been when I was there. It seems to be much more service-oriented than what I remember, and I would love to do what I can to be a part of the new UMW!

Lynn M. Horng '70
Hatfield, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor,

A week or so ago I received the Summer issue of the magazine, and I thought it was the best issue I've seen. The presentation, content and quality were tops. Looks as though President Judy Hample is "on her way" in her leadership role.

Helen Virginia Drury '47
Walnut Creek, California

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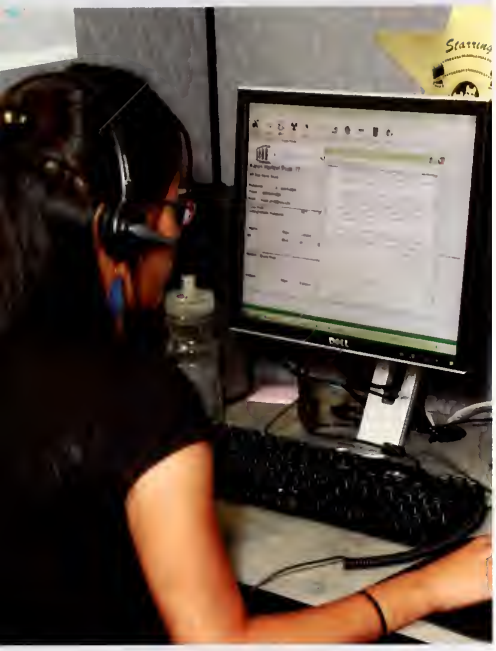


The SmartCall system enables Phonathon callers to enter donor information in a safe, secure, and efficient manner.

Economic **Impact**

Each year, Phonathon callers help raise more than $500,000 for the **Fund for Mary Washington** and other designated programs at Mary Washington. During the 2009-2010 fiscal years, these funds are more essential than ever. Executive Vice President Richard V. Hurley recently shared the news that the Commonwealth of Virginia has reduced UMW's budget by another $1.6 million, bringing the state support for UMW's operating budget to less than 23 percent. "This latest reduction represents the fourth time state support has been cut since the 2007-2008 fiscal year for a cumulative reduction of $6.6 million," Hurley added. "If the state projections continue at the current level, additional cuts in 2010-2011 are a real possibility."

Calling for Support

When your phone rings and a friendly University of Mary Washington student is on the other end, you should be aware of what's behind that call. The UMW Phonathon has been an integral part of Mary Washington's annual fundraising efforts for more than 20 years. During that time, students have called from various locations on campus – George Washington Hall, Woodard Campus Center, and now Hamlet House. The technology has changed during that time, as well, from old clunky phones with tangle-prone cords to computerized calling stations with sleek headsets.

From a secure part of Hamlet House, a SmartCall system dials and engages Mary Washington alumni, parents, and friends. During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, 24 callers dialed 105,813 numbers through SmartCall. The students chatted with potential donors, shared campus updates, listened to nostalgic stories, and secured 5,645 pledges.

"This new system has modernized our Phonathon program to make it more efficient, thus allowing more time for personal connections and donor interaction," said Associate Vice President for Development Ken L. Steen. "Each night the students call according to pre-defined lists sorted by time zones and interests. All pledge information, credit card data, and donor comments are entered directly into the computer during the call, so it enhances security and communication." Steen added that the number of credit card gifts made directly over the phone has increased exponentially since the implementation of SmartCall, resulting in a reduction in follow-up mailing expenses.

Student caller **Dahlia Ali '10** said she enjoys talking with UMW alumni, parents, and friends. "Most are happy to offer their support to Mary Washington," she said. "It's a great institution that upholds many of the long-standing traditions that we all know and love, and it is also building new ones for generations to come."

Student callers share information about campus activities and make it fun and easy for alumni, parents, and friends to make their annual gifts and pledges.

Anderson Center Will Add Space for Athletes and Others

Members of the Board of Visitors joined President Judy Hample (fourth from left) and former President William Anderson Jr. (fifth from left) in a ceremonial groundbreaking on Sept. 17.

Forty-year-old Goolrick Hall will soon have help serving UMW athletes and community members.

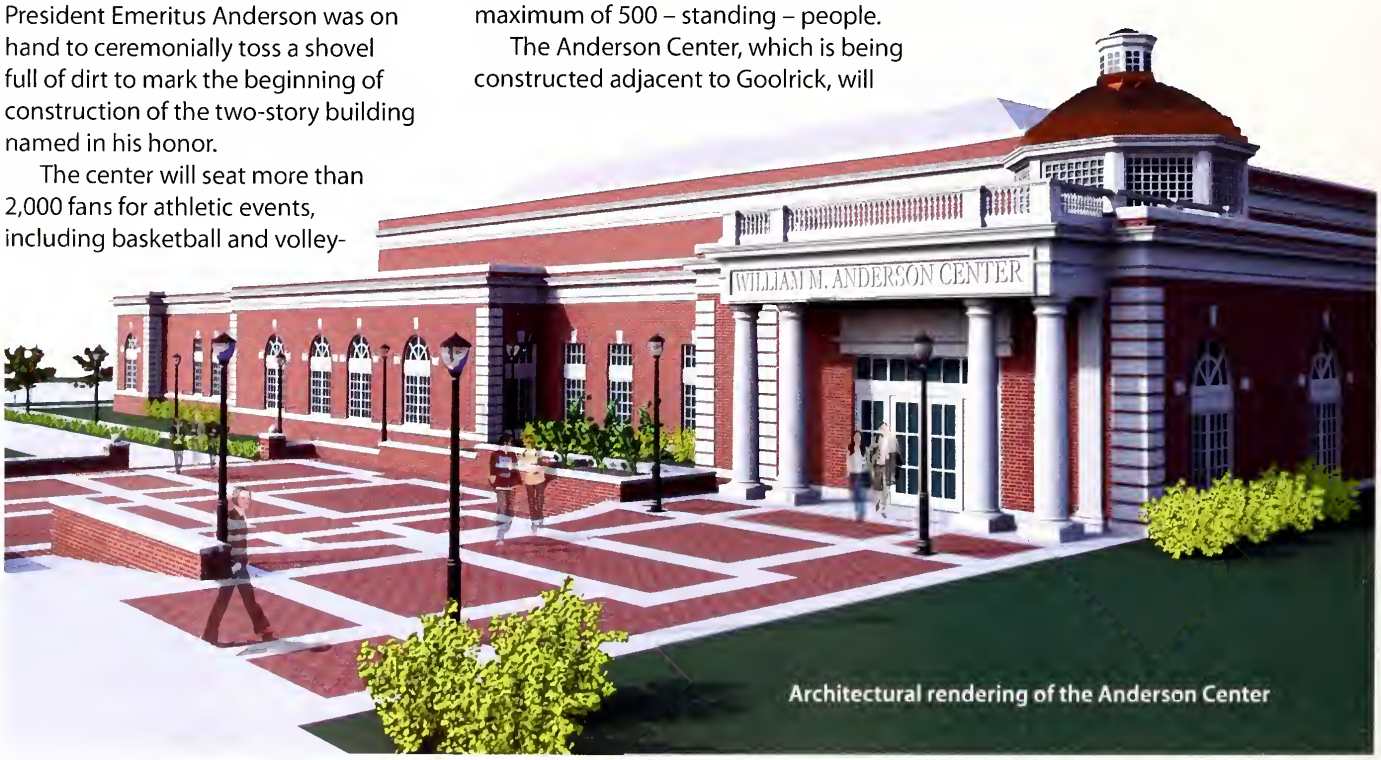
On Sept. 17, UMW celebrated the groundbreaking of the 52,000-square-foot William M. Anderson Center. President Emeritus Anderson was on hand to ceremonially toss a shovel full of dirt to mark the beginning of construction of the two-story building named in his honor.

The center will seat more than 2,000 fans for athletic events, including basketball and volleyball championships. For gatherings such as Convocation and rainy-day Commencement, it will accommodate as many as 3,000. Today, Dodd Auditorium seats 1,300 and Woodard Campus Center's Great Hall holds a maximum of 500 – standing – people.

The Anderson Center, which is being constructed adjacent to Goolrick, will feature the classic Mary Washington red brick and white columns and should open in mid-winter 2011.

President Judy Hample welcomed the Board of Visitors, Anderson, students, staff, and community members to the ceremony, held inside the Goolrick Hall gymnasium. UMW Board Rector **Nanalou West Sauder '56** recognized Anderson for dedicating 23 years to building a nationally prominent university, including an intercollegiate varsity program recognized for its scholarship as well as the athletic prowess of its students.

Athletic Director Ed Hegmann said that the center will allow Mary Washington to host the regional NCAA III basketball championships. Goolrick Hall gymnasium, which was built in 1969 for the then all-female school, is not large enough to host such events. Besides basketball, the center also will be used for volleyball competitions, physical education classes, and as an inclement weather location for many outdoor UMW programs planned throughout the year.



Architectural rendering of the Anderson Center

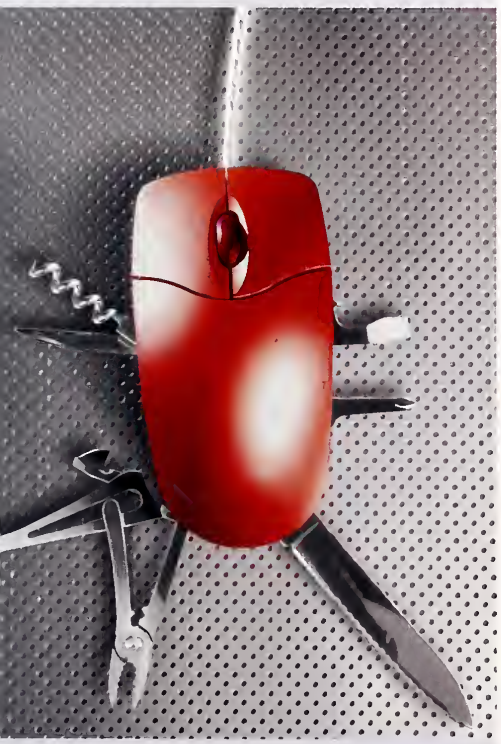
What is **Zotero?**

UMW and many other universities are suggesting students ditch scribbled notes and go digital with Zotero.

The Internet may be making it easier to access information online, but academic research still involves getting the information and the source into a usable format before anything goes into a paper. The most common way of doing that is still what students have done for decades – copy the information on a 3x5 card, according to new media expert Dan Cohen of George Mason University.

With Zotero, that's no longer necessary. Users download the program for free; it's an extension to the Firefox Web browser. Using Zotero, which has its own window at the bottom of the screen, users collect, manage, and cite research sources.

To learn more, visit zotero.org. To learn more about Dan Cohen, visit his blog, dancohen.org.



Digital University Ponders Future of Libraries, The Academy

The Year of the Digital University – 2009-2010 – launched with some provocative questions about the future:

- If Google has 15 million digitized books online by 2014, will universities need to devote funds to brick-and-mortar libraries?
- Will IT departments be passé in the wake of websites and one-button posts to YouTube?
- Will Twitter, blogs, and now-unimaginable interactive media make today's classrooms obsolete?

Dan Cohen, director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, posed these questions when he visited UMW in September to speak at Zoterofest 2009, the inaugural event of UMW's Year of the Digital University. Zotero, a tool that enhances Internet research, was developed at GMU; Cohen directs the Zotero project there.

Dan Cohen

Though Cohen sees advantages and disadvantages to digital technology, the self-described pragmatist said that in the light of such realities, academics must reassess key foundations of higher education. He also described himself as "a historian who explores – and tries to influence through theory, software, websites, and [a] blog – the impact of computing on the humanities."

Cohen, a graduate of Princeton, Harvard, and Yale universities, said four basic digital trends are influencing academic practice. And – even if ignored – they're here to stay:

Openness – Since the Web began, page code has been available to be copied. Scholars, Cohen said, are "just now beginning to feel in academia the power of the fact that you can put stuff online for free."

Do it yourself – Today it's easy to build a website, and it will only get easier. More and more people will ask, Cohen predicts, "Do I really need someone else to do this for me?"

Decentralization – Universities are used to small, centralized systems, usually revolving around a library, the academic center of the campus. But today's Internet links network to network, collection to collection, library to library, university to university – and aggregates the parts. "What can decentralization mean? Do all library collections have to sit in one library?"

Collaboration – Academics are already using blogs and Twitter to collaborate, network, and collect information. Cohen cited Jay Rosen, professor of journalism at New York University, who has more than 26,759 followers on Twitter and uses that medium to run a sort of succinct online professional seminar. "He comments, he reacts, he recommends journals," Cohen said.

Bookstore Eco-Bags: Honduran artisans weave rubbish into revenue

The eco-friendly clutch bags at the UMW Bookstore are more than a trendy way to help the environment – they also help poor women in Honduras feed their families *and* they help students learn about economics and marketing.

Late last summer, the Bookstore teamed up with Students Helping Honduras (SHH), a student-run aid organization begun at UMW in 2006, to sell colorful eco-clutches crafted by Honduran artisans. The women collect discarded potato chip bags and soda labels, and, instead of burning them as trash, they weave them into festive zippered bags.

The women of the impoverished village use the money from the bags to provide food, safe water, and medicines for their children.

Rachel Mason '10, an SHH student intern, was concerned last year about all the trash on the ground in the village of Siete de Abril. When she learned that other impoverished communities with no safe means of disposing trash were weaving and selling the bags, she learned to make them and taught the Honduran women.

Courtesy of SHH

Glendy shows off the first bag she made from discarded labels. Students Helping Honduras sells the bags through the UMW Bookstore and returns the profits to the women who made them.

Shawn Humphrey, UMW assistant professor of economics, knew that if the women could find enough buyers, they could form a sustainable women's cooperative. The economic development specialist collaborated with SHH volunteers **Ashley Cameron '11** and Peter Bergen of the College of William & Mary to open markets for the bags in the United States. That's where the UMW Bookstore came in.

Humphrey and the Bookstore teamed up with Cameron, an economics and Spanish major, to develop an independent study for her and a way to distribute the bags. The UMW Bookstore houses, sells, and ships the clutches through the store and online, and it covers basic expenses by keeping five percent of the proceeds. Cameron is the liaison between SHH and the bookstore, and she is in charge of marketing. Part of her responsibility is to place orders and keep inventory of sales.

"I didn't expect it to go this well," said Cameron, noting that nearly all 40 of the first shipment of the bags sold out in just two weeks. When she was in Honduras last winter, she met the women who make the bags and she created a slide presentation. Cameron uses it in the Bookstore to interest customers in the women and their handiwork. She also is making small business cards for each purse that introduce the buyer to the woman who made the bag.

The bright bags sell for $15 to $30 and range in size from three-by-five to six-by-eight inches. From September to mid-October, the Bookstore sold 89 bags, generating nearly $1,900 for the villagers. SHH has named the eco-clutch project "Esfuerzo de Amor" – *labor of love.*

From **Belmont** to **Bern**

Melchers' painting on loan to Swiss ambassador

Ambassador Don Beyer requested a Melchers painting for his new residence in Switzerland. *In Old Virginia* now hangs there.

A piece of Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont holds a place of diplomatic prominence in the home of the American ambassador to Switzerland. One of Gari Melchers' paintings hangs in the residence of newly-appointed Swiss ambassador, Virginian Don Beyer.

Beyer and his wife, Megan, requested an example of a pastoral landscape by the American impressionist to include in an exhibition of Virginia-themed paintings for their residence in Bern.

Belmont was happy to furnish a painting, as it has five times before for other U.S. diplomats, said David Berreth, director of Gari Melchers Home and Studio.

Curator **Joanna Catron '79** selected "In Old Virginia," a brightly colored autumnal view of a house and a cow grazing just below the artist's hilltop residence in Falmouth. It was painted around 1918; the house has long since disappeared.

Belmont, a 28-acre estate, is the former residence of Melchers and his wife, Corinne. Operated by the University of Mary Washington, the property is a Virginia historic landmark and a national historic landmark. It owns the world's largest collection of Melchers' works.

Distinguished Trio

A longtime University of Mary Washington professor, a veteran administrator, and an alumni leader were honored in September by the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia at its ninth annual Women of Distinction awards program at UMW's Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

UMW Alumni Association President **Sue Bridi '81** won in the Business category; Associate Vice President for Human Resources Sabrina Johnson received the award for Government and Law; and Education Professor Brenda Vogel topped the Education category. They were among nine regional Women of Distinction recognized for their leadership and impact on the community through professional and volunteer achievements.

Bridi, vice president and branch manager for PNC Bank in Fredericksburg, has worked in the local banking industry for more than 30 years. She also has volunteered to help numerous local nonprofit organizations, including the Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, the SPCA, the Downtown Retail Merchants Association, the Fredericksburg Area Museum, and Friends of the Rappahannock. Bridi is president of the UMW Alumni Association and has been active in other UMW groups, including the Strategic Planning Steering Committee.

Johnson, UMW's associate vice president for human resources and Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity officer, has held that position since she arrived at Mary Washington in 1997. She was the first executive director of Richmond's Black Student Foundation. After earning a law degree and a license to practice law in Virginia in 1991, Johnson served as a judicial law clerk in the Alexandria Circuit Court. In 1993, she joined the Virginia Department of Employment Dispute Resolution, where she began her professional concentration in human resources. Johnson is a member of the Rappahannock United Way's board of directors and is in her fourth term as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Council on Human Resources.

UMW Alumni President Sue Bridi '81 (left), UMW Associate Vice President for Human Resources Sabrina Johnson (center), and UMW Education Professor Brenda Vogel were named 2009 Women of Distinction by the Girl Scout Commonwealth Council.

Vogel, UMW professor of education and director of education programs, became a member of the UMW faculty in 1977. Prior to her 1999 appointment as director of education programs at the Stafford campus, Vogel served as chair, coordinator of teacher education services, and director of field experiences for Mary Washington's Department of Education. She has had extensive involvement in the community, including co-founder of the area's Phi Delta Kappa chapter and an active volunteer in local classrooms. Vogel also has served on numerous school accreditation visiting teams and as a speaker at professional gatherings.

Framing **a Memory**

Barbara "Jinxie" Forbush views a new photo display in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. Her husband, the late **Charles Warren Forbush '47**, was one of many male students who attended Mary Washington between 1945 and 1958 as part of the GI Bill. The bill provided federal tuition payments for World War II veterans. Mary Washington was one of many women's colleges to temporarily open doors to male students.

"My husband always wondered why there wasn't more recognition for these male students," Mrs. Forbush said. So, she did something about it. "After seeing all the photos of female students, I suggested we include photos of the veterans." The Forbush family made a special gift to UMW in support of the project.

If you would like to make a gift in honor or in memory of Mary Washington's World War II veterans, please contact the Office of Gift Planning at 540/654-2064.

Jinxie Forbush recalls the names of GI Bill students. She initiated the framing and display of the historic photos.

Great Lives Returns

From cooking with Julia Child to sex with Masters and Johnson, the seventh season of *Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History* promises to deliver scintillating and provocative material on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the spring.

There are patriots, politicians, and poets – not to mention an encore appearance by Elvis. Jesus of Nazareth gets things started on Jan. 14.

These Chappell Lecture Series programs, presented by UMW's Department of History and American Studies, take place at 7:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium and are open to the public free of charge.

Here is the lineup:

January 14 – **Jesus of Nazareth**
James G. Goehring, UMW Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion

January 19 – **Norman Rockwell**
Stephanie Plunkett, Deputy Director and Chief Curator, Norman Rockwell Museum

January 26 – **Thomas Jefferson**
Alan Pell Crawford, Author of *Twilight at Monticello*

January 28 – **Blackbeard**
Carter L. Hudgins, UMW Department of History and American Studies

February 4 – **Booker T. Washington**
Robert J. Norrell, University of Tennessee, Author of *Up from History: The Life of Booker T. Washington*

February 11 – **Marian Anderson**
Raymond Arsenault, University of South Florida, Author of *The Sound of Freedom*

February 23 – **Margaret Thatcher**
Jason Davidson, UMW Department of Political Science

February 25 – **Edgar Allan Poe**
Robert Morgan, Professor of English, Cornell University

March 9 – **Julia Child**
Laura Shapiro, Author of *Julia Child: A Life*

March 11 – **Masters and Johnson**
Thomas Maier, *Newsday,* Author of *Masters of Sex*

March 16 – **Queen Victoria**
Gillian Gill, Author of *We Two: Victoria and Albert*

March 18 – **Rachel Carson**
Mark Hamilton Lytle, Bard College, Author of *The Gentle Subversive*

March 25 – **Marie Antoinette**
Caroline Weber, Barnard College, Columbia University, Author of *Queen of Fashion*

March 30 – **Rosie the Riveter**
Emily Yellin, Author of *Our Mothers' War*

April 6 – **Thomas Edison**
Paul Israel, Rutgers University, Author of *Edison: A Life of Invention*

April 13 – **Robert Oppenheimer**
Martin Sherwin, George Mason University, Co-Author of *American Prometheus*

April 15 – **Robert E. Lee**
Elizabeth Brown Pryor, Author of *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee through His Private Letters*

April 20 – **Elvis Presley**
Gardner Campbell, Baylor University

April 22 – **James Bond**
Jeremy Black, University of Exeter, Author of *A History of the British Isles*

For more information, go to www.umw.edu/greatlives or call the Events Line at 540/654-1065.

Governor Makes **Board Appointments**

Pamela J. White '74

Judge **Pamela J. White '74** of Baltimore, Md., has been appointed to the Board of Visitors at the University of Mary Washington. The Virginia Governor's office also has reappointed **Elizabeth Ferguson Foster '69** and **Daniel K. Steen '84** to second terms on the University board.

White succeeds **Benjamin Hernandez '95**. Each of the appointees will serve a four-year term that expires June 30, 2013.

White has served as a Circuit Court judge for Baltimore City, Md., since February 2007. She was a partner and chair of the Employment Law Group at the Baltimore law firm of Ober, Kaler, Grimes & Shriver until her appointment to the Circuit Court. Having distinguished herself as a leader in legal ethics and professionalism, White also served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. She received a law degree from Washington & Lee University, where she served on the university Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2004.

In addition, White has been recognized as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women and is the recipient of the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Charles H. Dorsey Jr. Mentor award as well as UMW's Distinguished Alumna award. A past president of the Maryland Bar Association and the Women's Bar Association of Maryland, she has served on a number of boards including the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, the Baltimore City Historical Society, and the UMW Alumni Association.

"I'm very excited about Pamela's appointment to the board," said **Nanalou West Sauder '56**, rector of Mary Washington's Board of Visitors. "She has a sound judicial temperament, and she has previous university board experience. I'm looking forward to working with her."

Foster, of Albemarle County, formerly worked for IBM in Richmond. She has been active in civic affairs, including the Maymont Foundation Board and the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals Auxiliary.

Steen, who lives in Arlington, received a law degree from the University of Virginia. He is vice president of government affairs for Owens-Illinois, Inc., the world's largest glass packaging manufacturer and a leading supplier of healthcare and pharmaceutical packaging.

All Dressed, **and Ready to Show**

The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library has unveiled its refurbished facilities with a display of its entire extensive costume collection in all of its newly-conserved glory.

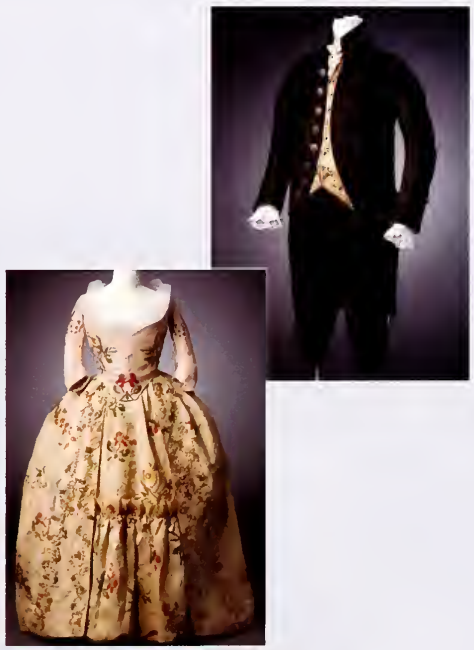
"Our Face to the World: The Clothing of James and Elizabeth Monroe" includes 42 pieces, making the display one of the largest complete presidential costume collections in the country. It will continue until April 2010. Because of the delicate nature of the costumes, this will be the first and last chance for the public to view this collection all together in one place.

Highlights of the exhibition include Elizabeth Monroe's wedding dress and two vests James Monroe wore as a soldier during the Revolutionary War. Also showcased is James Monroe's cut velvet suit, worn during his negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase in the court of Napoleon. Suits, hats, shoes, jewelry, fans, purses, gloves, and other accessories are part of the display as well.

In 2007, the museum was awarded a prestigious Save America's Treasures grant through the National Park Service and the National Endowment for the Arts to restore the artifacts to their original appearance from the late 1700s and early 1800s. The pieces came to the museum through Monroe's direct descendants.

The museum, located at 908 Charles Street, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The museum, which is administered by the University of Mary Washington, closed in February for major interior renovations. For more information, visit www.umw.edu/jamesmonroemuseum or call 540/654-1043.



One of the highlights of the new exhibition at the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library is Elizabeth Monroe's wedding dress. Also featured is the suit James Monroe wore during his negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase.

Unearthed Haydn Overture
Resounds in Dodd

Back in 1973, Haydn scholar Stephen C. Fisher knew he was on to something. Doing research at the Library of Congress, he stumbled across a manuscript, an overture that was part of a full-length symphony composed by classical composer Joseph Haydn in 1773. But the paper held notes not heard since the famous composer's day.

"Haydn created two concert adaptations of this overture," Fisher said. One adaptation was published and has been available since. The other, more musically interesting work hadn't been heard in more than 200 years – and Fisher realized he held it in his hand.

This fall – more than 35 years later – Fisher and his fellow players in the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra brought the music to life for the first time since it was played in the Spanish court in the 1780s.

The group's October *Masterworks Concert* in Dodd Auditorium began with a lecture by Fisher, a violist, on his discovery and was followed by the modern premiere of the work, *Symphony in C Major*, Hob. Ia:1 (unpublished). The ensemble, under the baton of Music Director Kevin Bartram, also performed Mozart's *Concertone for Two Violins and Orchestra*, K. 190 – also composed in 1773 – and Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

Fisher, a doctor of music history and theory, is one of the world's top Haydn scholars. He was the principal editor of *Joseph Haydn Werke, Series I, Volume 9: the Symphonies of 1778-79*, and he is editing the 10th volume of this series, among other publications. The Stafford, Va., resident has played with the UMW-CSO for a year.

More than 35 years after its discovery, a long-lost Haydn overture was brought to life by Stephen Fisher and his fellow players in the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra, directed by Kevin Bartram, shown above.

Phase 1 of Eagle Village is rising rapidly directly across U.S. 1 from the Fredericksburg campus.

Construction of **Eagle Village Soars**

Bulldozers, cranes, hard-hatted workers, and mounds of dirt are becoming a common sight around UMW.

Construction is on schedule for the opening of Eagle Village in August 2010.

Now that the Anderson Center project has broken ground across Route 1, there are dueling construction sites, soon to be connected via a pedestrian bridge. The 214-foot long red brick bridge is scheduled to be put in place early in January.

Meanwhile, these are the vital statistics for Phase 1 of Eagle Village, which is rapidly taking shape:

- A total of 454,456 square feet of residential and mixed-use space is planned.
- New residence halls will utilize 4,387 cubic yards of concrete; 569,000 bricks; 760,000 square feet of drywall; 318 water-saving toilets; 654 new data outlets on a fiber optic network; four elevators; two trash compactors; and two recycling compactors.
- A total of 723 surface and parking deck spaces will replace the former 280.
- Nearly 60 deciduous and evergreen trees will be planted to enhance green space and reduce storm water runoff .

For additional photos and project updates, visit www.umw/eaglevillage.

The Art **of Medicine**

Belmont exhibition includes 11 original Norman Rockwell paintings

Gari Melchers Home and Studio is hosting the exhibition "Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and the Art of Illustration" through Jan. 31, 2010.

One of the most successful visual communicators of the 20th century, Rockwell was a keen observer of human nature. His art work gave voice to the ideals and aspirations of real people and served as a reassuring guide during an era of sweeping social and technological change.

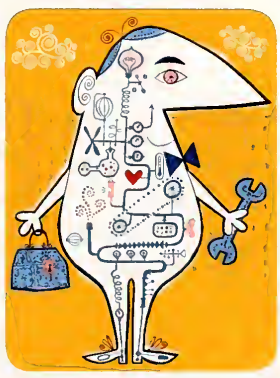
"Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and the Art of Illustration" features 11 original paintings by Rockwell from the Pfizer Inc. collection, which includes some of the finest examples of the artist's advertising imagery. Rockwell's paintings explore the doctor/patient relationship, health and healing across generations, and the importance of physical fitness.

Also featured in the exhibit are 14 of today's preeminent illustrators from the pages of *Healthy Living*, *Men's Health*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, and *The New Yorker*. Their art work presents a contemporary perspective on many of the same health-related subjects explored nearly 50 years earlier by Rockwell.

Regular museum admission fees of $10 for adults and $5 for students will include entrance to "Picturing Health" as well as Gari Melchers' working studio and his 18th-century home. No free or discounted passes will be accepted for the duration of this exhibition. Admission is free for children ages 5 and under and for members of the Friends of Belmont. Group tours may be arranged by calling Michelle Crow-Dolby, education coordinator, at 540/654-1851.

Several public events and programs are planned in conjunction with "Picturing Health:"

Sunday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Family Health and Art Day, featuring wellness screenings and information about balanced nutrition and healthy lifestyles. Art activities, geared towards children ages 6-12, will focus on Rockwell's style and subjects. All activities and entrance to the exhibition are included with the price of museum admission. Family Health and Art Day is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente.



Other works on display include left to right: Gregory Manchess, *Untitled*; Melinda Beck, *Regulating Your Blood Sugar*; and Cathie Bleck, *Guidance*.

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One of the original illustrations on display is *The Muscleman*, c. 1941.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.– luncheon in the Studio Pavilion with guest speaker Stephanie Plunkett, deputy director and chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum. The cost of the luncheon is $35, or $25 for members of the Friends of Belmont; all tickets include admission to the exhibition. The luncheon is sponsored by UMW Dining Services. Reservations are required. Contact Betsy Labar at 540/654-1848 or blabar@umw.edu. Later the same evening, Stephanie Plunkett will present an illustrated talk, "Norman Rockwell: Picturing America," as part of UMW's Chappell Lecture Series: Great Lives. The free talk will be held at 7:30 p.m. in UMW's George Washington Hall, Dodd Auditorium.

"Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and the Art of Illustration" is organized and curated by the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., and is sponsored by Pfizer Inc.

Top **Scholars**

President Judy Hample invited recipients of UMW's Washington and Alvey Scholarships to her home for a picnic early in the Fall semester. These are the students who have been awarded the school's top honor – full merit scholarships. The eight Washington Scholarships go to in-state students with exceptional academic credentials, and the Alvey scholarship goes to a high-achieving out-of-state student.

Front – left to right:

Lisa Carter '12, Irene Lundy Brown '39 - Washington Scholarship
Anna Lowery '13, University of Mary Washington Alumni Association - Washington Scholarship
President Hample
Laura Dick '13, Irene Piscopo Rodgers '59 - Alvey Scholarship
Jessica Schatz '09, **M.Ed. '10**, former Washington Scholar

Middle:

Stacey Aylor '11, William M. Anderson Jr. - Washington Scholarship
Brandi Rollins '10, Rae Elizabeth Smith '59 - Washington Scholarship
Peter Hawes '12, Mary Janes Ahern '46 - Washington Scholarship

Back row:

Jason Driscoll '10, A. Ray Merchent - Washington Scholarship
Samuel Protich '10, Theresa Young Crawley '77 and William B. Crawley Jr. - Washington Scholarship
Kianna Davis '13, Marilyn Mead Burke '48 and William J. Burke - Washington Scholarship
Michael Kappert '11, Sally Watson Castle '55 - Alvey Scholarship

Meet the **Freshman Class**

UMW reinvents itself in small ways each August as a new class brings its culture and experiences to the Fredericksburg campus. This year, 963 students enrolled as freshmen; they came from 31 states, including California, Illinois, Texas, and Maine. The Virginia residents in the new class graduated from 169 public and 43 private high schools. Outside of the U.S., students came from 12 nations.

UMW does not admit students by any rigid formula, and it seeks to enroll a diverse and well-rounded student body. Twenty-one percent of entering students identified themselves as African-American, Asian, American-Indian, Hispanic/Latino, or multiracial.

Statistics can't describe the full range of the unique freshman scholars, but the data shows they're a smart bunch. Of freshmen, the middle 50-percent range – meaning a quarter were above this range and a quarter were below – graduated high school with a GPA between 3.28 and 3.87. Their SATs reflected that, too, with scores in critical reading of 540 to 650, math 520 to 620, and writing 530 to 630.

UMW granted honors admission to 234 students this fall. Their high school GPAs for the mid-50-percent range fell between 3.74 and 4.17. SAT scores ranged from 620-700 in critical reading, 610-680 in math, and 600-690 in writing.

Nearly 1,000 freshmen, their families, lots of luggage, and at least one dog converged on the Fredericksburg campus on Move-In Day, Aug.19. Parents and dogs had to leave.

Ben Stein

Economic Downturn = **Audience Uplift**

The economy may be down, but Ben Stein lit up a close-to-capacity crowd in Dodd Auditorium on Oct. 20. The economist and humorist was the speaker for the first program of The Fredericksburg Forum's 15th season.

Stein, a former speech writer and economic advisor for presidents Nixon and Ford, is a *FORTUNE* columnist, author of finance and self-help books, TV commentator, and – most famously – teacher in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. His iconic role in that 1986 movie turned him into a cult figure.

He bounded onto the Dodd stage wearing sneakers and toting a bulging briefcase. Throughout his talk, he expressed appreciation for the warm hospitality and good food he enjoyed on the UMW campus. The program was moderated by economist Judy Shelton, a Caroline County, Va., resident who specializes in global finance and monetary issues.

The 2009-2010 Forum season will culminate on Tuesday, March 23, with broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff, who has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at the major television networks CNN, NBC, and PBS. She is senior correspondent for PBS' *News Hour with Jim Lehrer* and was editor of the show's 2008 election coverage.

The Fredericksburg Forum is a community-sponsored program at the University that hosts nationally-known speakers. General admission tickets are $30. To order tickets, call 540/654-1065 or visit www.umw.edu/forum.

Classics, Philosophy, and Religion **Celebrates 30 Years**

David Cain

The Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion celebrated 30 enriching years with a gala banquet and reunion celebration of graduates, retired and current faculty, and students. The assemblage especially welcomed the department's first chair, Elizabeth A. Clark, pictured at right center. Now a professor of religion at Duke University, she offered light-hearted reflections on the early years of "CPR." In the photo above, she is joined by Diane Hatch, professor emerita of classics, and Jim Goehring, professor of religion. When the disparate disciplines joined in fall of 1979, the faculty seized the association to invest in an interdisciplinary endeavor anchored in separate major programs.

Signs of the **Times**

UMW has given its on-campus signs a brand-new look. Gone are the decades-old brown wooden signs, and in their place are larger, more visible blue and white ones that are eye-catching and practical. A committee charged with upgrading the signage set goals of improving the exterior identification of buildings; helping those unfamiliar with the campus find their way and making UMW feel more welcoming to visitors; reducing the overuse of signs; and integrating signs with the University's identity. At the Stafford campus, work is under way to improve building signage as well.

Robert A. Martin

One example of the many new signs on campus.

Quarter Century **of Haunting**

In October, the University of Mary Washington Historic Preservation Club hosted its 25th annual Ghost Walk.

As in the past, the hour-and-a-half long tours stopped at about a dozen sites throughout historic Fredericksburg, including the Masonic Cemetery, Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, and Kenmore Plantation. Members of the Historic Preservation Club and other UMW students acted out stories based on the book *The Ghosts of Fredericksburg and Other Environs* by L.B. Taylor Jr.

The Masonic cemetery provided the inspiration for this poster promoting the 25th Annual Ghost Walk.

UMW Athletic **Hall of Fame Features Five** New Inductees

The University of Mary Washington inducted its 14th class into the Athletic Hall of Fame on October 16, 2009, as part of Homecoming Weekend. This year's class included five members: former soccer standout **Chris Blelloch '97**, field hockey and women's lacrosse All-American **Charlotte Cockrell '97**, baseball standout **Eric Guyton '99**, All-American soccer star **Felicity Smith '98**, and tennis All-American **Chris Wallace '97**.

Chris Blelloch was a two-time all-region pick and is one of the top scorers in Mary Washington men's soccer history.

Blelloch, a four-time All-Capital Athletic Conference selection as well as a two-time all-region pick, remains as one of the most prolific scorers in men's soccer history at UMW, with 51 career goals and 121 career points. He netted 17 goals and seven assists in his sophomore season, As a senior, he added 16 goals and six assists, both of which rank among the highest season totals in program history. During Blelloch's UMW tenure, the Eagles won four straight CAC championships and advanced to two NCAA tournaments, finishing 63-12-5. The father of one child, Blelloch is married and living in Warrenton, Va.

Cockrell, who ranks as one of only two athletes in UMW history to gain All-America status in both field hockey and lacrosse, led both programs to unprecedented heights from 1993 through 1997. The field hockey team advanced to three NCAA tournaments during Cockrell's UMW career, including a trip to the NCAA Championship her freshman year. She also led the Eagles to their first CAC Championship in lacrosse her senior season. She was a second team All-America pick in both sports her senior season. Now a physician living in Richmond, Cockrell has

Charlotte Cockrell is one of two athletes in UMW history to gain All-America honors in field hockey and lacrosse.

remained active athletically by running in numerous races, ranging from 5Ks to marathons. She is married with three children.

Guyton starred on the diamond for the Eagles for four seasons before playing three seasons in the New York Mets organization. Still ranking as the school's season and career home run record holder, Guyton batted .479 in 1998, leading the Eagles to their second straight NCAA tournament while gaining CAC Player of the Year honors. During his time at UMW, Guyton batted .382 with 169 hits and 110 RBI, stole 38 bases, and walked 93 times against only 51 strikeouts. Married with two sons, he now works for State Farm Insurance and lives in Lincoln, Neb.

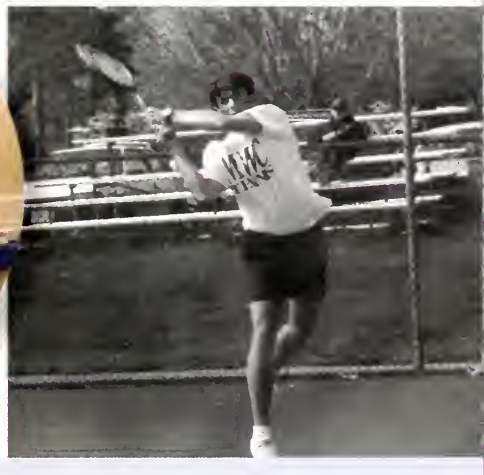
Smith carried the UMW women's soccer program to one of its best four-year eras in school history, helping the team to 55 victories while garnering first team All-America honors. The Eagles won three CAC titles during Smith's UMW tenure. The team also advanced to two NCAA tournaments, including in 1997, when the team won a school-record 18 matches en route to an appearance in the NCAA tournament quarterfinals. Even though she played the defender position, Smith scored 27 points in her career, with five goals and 17 assists. She later played professionally for Arsenal in

Eric Guyton still ranks as the career home run leader in Mary Washington history.

England. Smith now lives in Medfield, Mass., with her husband and two children. She works as the Director of Coaching for John Smith Soccer.

Wallace, the first All-American in the history of the men's tennis program, led the Eagles to their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 1997, a season that saw him break the school season record for victories. He remains the only Mary Washington student to play at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles all four years. Wallace finished his senior season ranked 16th in the nation, and he led the Eagles to the 16th round of the NCAA tournament. Wallace is a partner with the accounting firm Keiter, Stephens, Hurst, Gary & Shreaves based in Richmond. He and his wife, Christine, have two children.

Felicity Smith played professional soccer in England after gaining first team All-America honors at Mary Washington.



Chris Wallace was the first men's tennis player at UMW to gain All-America honors, and the first to achieve Hall of Fame status.

UMW baseball coach inducted into Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame

University of Mary Washington head baseball coach Tom Sheridan has been selected as a 2009 inductee into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1962 to perpetuate the memory of athletes who have brought lasting fame and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their athletic achievements.

Eileen Sheridan

Sheridan joins such notables as Baseball Hall of Fame umpire Nestor Chylak, NFL 10-time all-pro offensive lineman Mike Munchak, and longtime major league catcher and manager Steve O'Neill.

Sheridan is in his 23rd year at Mary Washington with a record of 515-227-3. His career winning percentage ranks first among all active NCAA baseball coaches in the state of Virginia with 20 or more years of service and is third all-time in the state. Sheridan has been selected as the Virginia state coach of the year twice and has received conference coach of the year awards 13 times. His teams have participated in NCAA and postseason tournaments 12 times, and the Eagles have been nationally ranked in 16 different seasons.

Tom Sheridan and his daughter, Katy, visit Yankee Stadium.

Back in the waning years of the last century, it seemed like a simple question, but no one could find an answer: "How can we make it easy for Mary Washington faculty, staff, and students to publish attractive, dynamic content on the World Wide Web?"

Specialized Web-page software was expensive and complex. Cryptic initials like FTP (File Transfer Protocol) and tricky procedures tended to discourage all but the most hardy from venturing into this area.

Answers sought to that seemingly simple question had by 2007 put University of Mary Washington in the upper stratosphere of electronic publishing. Why? Because the answer to the question was UMW Blogs. And because of UMW Blogs, Mary Washington is now routinely spoken of in the same breath as leading universities around the world, and some of its practitioners are pioneering new ways of thinking and learning.

Posted on the pages that follow is an account of UMW Blogs' conception, birth, and development.

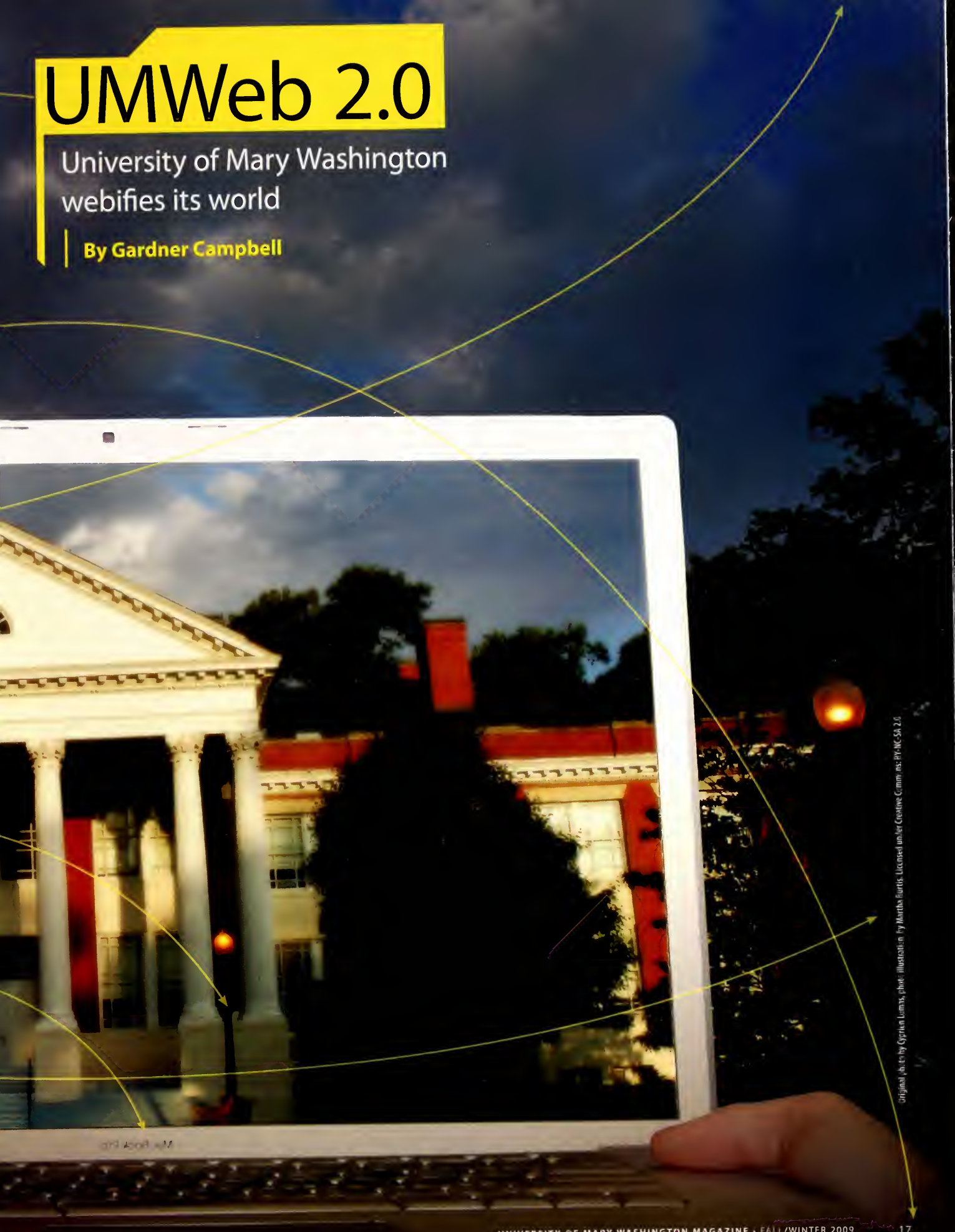
Blogging is born

Around 2000, a small company called Blogger introduced software that allowed users to publish a "weblog" consisting of easily updated "posts" that would appear in reverse chronological order, with the most recent posting first. Soon, there were thousands of ordinary folks using Blogger to tell stories, share information, and communicate with friends, loved ones, and – in many cases – total strangers who were like-minded or who found the information in "blogs" (as they came to be known) useful and interesting.

UMWeb 2.0

University of Mary Washington webifies its world

By Gardner Campbell



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UMW Blogs has made it easy to move all of my courses from Blackboard, with its 'one-size-fits-all' approach, to WordPress, where each of my course sites is customized to the specific needs of that course. One result has been that I no longer think of blogs and wikis as "technology" but simply another ubiquitous tool, like the whiteboard or the DVD player, that I can choose to use or not in my courses.

Steven A. Greenlaw,
UMW Professor of
Economics

Blogging became hugely popular in the aftermath of 9/11. People looked to these unvarnished writings for a certain kind of vivid, heartfelt authenticity that mainstream media couldn't match. Common people expressed their feelings about events of that momentous day.

Blogging exploded after that. It was helped along by the mighty Google, which purchased Blogger in 2003. One big reason for this exponential growth was that blogging was easy and the results looked good. All any would-be blogger had to do was to log on to a site where writing inside the Web browser was as simple as using an email program. Enter the text, give the document a title, then click "publish." That was it. Instantly you could see your document on the Web. If additional changes needed to be made, it was a simple matter of returning to the editing window, making changes, and re-publishing.

Less thought had to go into the process of publishing, meaning that more thought could be dedicated to the content that was being published. This content could include text, images, sounds, and – eventually – even video clips (think YouTube), along with hyperlinks to other blogs and Web-based resources. Readers stopping by could leave comments at the bottom of each post. A straightforward, elegant design intersected with the natural human desire to connect with others and share experiences. Voila! Blogs were born.

In retrospect, it makes sense that colleges and universities would try to find a way to harness the strong and growing power of blogging; it provided a way of empowering students, faculty, and staff to communicate via the Web with each other and the world. At the time, however, even in 2003, starting up any kind of blogging initiative at UMW seemed either "silly," as one academic administrator would later call it, or irrelevant. What could a school hope to gain by sharing its work in this way? Weren't blogs somehow *unprofessional?*

The road to UMW Blogs

It happened during a road trip in July 2004. Mary Washington's Chief Information Officer Chip German and his new assistant vice president for teaching and learning technologies, Gardner Campbell, were returning from a meeting at the College of William & Mary. There, the two had met with Gene Roche, W&M's director of academic technology. The purpose of the meeting was for German and Campbell to learn how to upgrade a standard application called a "Learning Management System" – in this case, a product called Blackboard. William & Mary had just gone through such an upgrade, and Roche had agreed to share his experience in order to help Mary Washington think about its own plans. Mission accomplished. Information was exchanged, questions were asked, clarifications were sought, and the meeting came to a close.

Then came the eureka moment.

In passing, Roche mentioned that he had begun a professional blog to document and communicate his work at the college. Campbell, an English professor by training and always alert to new modes of creativity and communication, was intrigued. For $5 a month, one could "rent" space on a commodity Web server and begin to experiment with all sorts of new tools on the World Wide Web: blogs, wikis, image galleries, and much more. The space was cheap; the tools were easy to use; and the server was not part of the institution's infrastructure, meaning the experiments would have no effect on normal business and communication processes.

Best of all, this website could be like a sandbox – users were

Gardner Campbell (l) and Chip German

free to dig and play in whatever format they wanted. The space on the Web server prescribed no particular format; instead, users were able to install and combine various tools in imaginative and innovative ways. This electronic environment was tailor-made for folks who like to experiment, tinker, and try new things.

German, too, was intrigued. He and Campbell climbed into German's car for the drive home. Neither one could wait to begin talking about what they had seen and what their W&M colleague had shared with them.

It was a monumental conversation. By the time the two arrived back in Fredericksburg, they had decided to purchase space on this Web server for each of Campbell's six staff members in the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies (DTLT), along with unique domain names for each of the staffers. These staff members would, in turn, begin their own professional blogs and experiment with the other tools the company had made available. Both German and Campbell sensed that there were many possibilities to pursue, and they agreed from the beginning not to stipulate any particular results. The idea was to set up a Web-enabled environment that would empower each member of DTLT to be a trailblazer in the uses of these new tools – what have come to be known as "Web 2.0" tools. Once DTLT had done its pioneering explorations, the staff

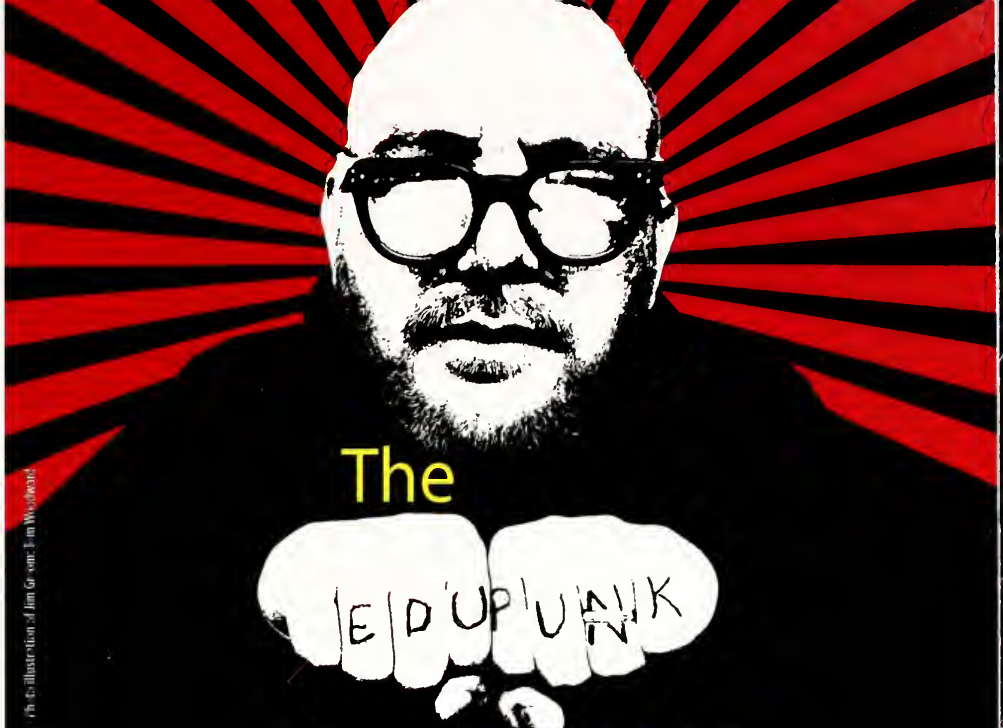

Photo illustration of Jim Groom: Tom Woodward

The Phenomenon

As UMW blogs took off, gaining worldwide prominence, the University's Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies staff thought of these wonderful opportunities and synergies as the result of creativity, innovation, and a lot of hard work over many years. It turns out UMW Blogs was also revolutionary, and it would come to its next level of prominence in the spring of 2008 when instructional technology specialist Jim Groom gave this revolution a name.

He called it "EDUPUNK."

In its essence, EDUPUNK is a rather simple idea: innovation and experimentation in teaching and learning technology have been hampered – and, in many cases, blocked – by a top-down, vendor-driven, walled-garden approach to learning. Higher education turned its back on the open Web when merchants' "learning management" software like Blackboard and PowerPoint offered cookie-cutter, teacher-driven approaches to disseminating course materials in a password-protected environment.

In addition, such programs were consuming institutional resources that could be applied toward support of integrative learning both on- and off-line.

Thus, blogging and other free and more flexible teaching tools began replacing mainstream teaching tools at UMW and other institutions.

It was at this juncture that Groom first uttered "EDUPUNK." The result was an explosion of interest and controversy across the educational blogosphere and eventually across the Internet itself. Less than a week after Groom's blog post appeared (http://bavatuesdays.com/the-glass-bees), the term he had introduced was the subject of a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article. The term was subsequently picked up by mainstream media such as *Wired* magazine, *The New York Times*, and *F@stCompany*. Why did EDUPUNK prove to be so explosive?

The term became a battle cry for a DIY – *Do It Yourself* – philosophy for faculty, students, and educational technologists to circumvent centralized and proprietary learning management systems. In fact, EDUPUNK put a succinct and politicized label on a wide range of experimentation that was happening around the globe, and in many ways highlighted UMW as one of the brightest stars in this constellation of innovation. While the term itself has been the source of controversy over its ideological intensity, the larger concerns EDUPUNK raises in regard to vital and creative learning in a digital age are more urgent than ever. Groom's neologism didn't cause the discontent, but it certainly put a name (and a face) on shared frustrations – and shared hopes.

UMW Blogs login page.

would be perfectly positioned to help faculty explore and use these tools in their own teaching and scholarship.

Because the tools and the experiences were so new, it was impossible to predict what might happen.

"I was driving," German recalled later, "but I don't remember a moment of the trip beyond our lobbing ideas back and forth to each other the whole way, each new idea upping the ante on the possibilities and implications, and all requiring very little money. We could have been driving through a hurricane, and I wouldn't have known it. Seventy miles an hour in a black Xterra and me behind the wheel barely able to focus on the road. When Gardner and I think about that conversation now, we both can't help grinning like fools. We knew from the start that, thanks to Gene Roche, we were onto something big."

I could go on at length about UMW Blogs – the brilliance and dedication of the DTLT staff, our first-rate faculty, our students, the way their creativity and outside-the-boundaries thinking have not only served the UMW community but brought us national recognition – but to keep it short: UMW Blogs is a great example of innovative and often gutsy collaboration among faculty, academic technology staff, and students.

Nina Mikhalevsky,
professor of philosophy

"Big" almost seems like an understatement now. What *did* happen, over the next four years, was an explosion of innovation that took Mary Washington into a position of international prominence in the use of these Web 2.0 tools in teaching and learning. Unusually, that prominence was achieved and shared by everyone in the University community: staff, students, and faculty. In fact, the teamwork represented by this accomplishment has been celebrated nearly as much as the accomplishment itself. Because of the experimentation that became UMW Blogs, Mary Washington stands out among leading universities around the world.

Not a bad yield for a project that started out costing $5 a month.

University-level sandbox play

One of the first ventures the staff of DTLT embarked on in their Web space was blogging. What this amounted to was that they all began publishing their reflections on the work they were doing in their new "sandboxes." Conversations at staff meetings quickly began to revolve around how blogging was transforming DTLT's understanding of its work. Suddenly, the staff of the division had a channel to communicate with each other, an avenue on which to enter broader professional conversations about teaching and technology, and a narrative of their work that served as a place of both reflection and record. The vital connections they were making – with each other, with colleagues at other institutions, and with their own ideas – seemed like a perfect model for learning.

The next step was to encourage UMW faculty members to experiment with blogs in their classes. A few brave professors – including Campbell, who tried blogs in two sections of a course he taught in the spring of 2005 – stepped forward to test the waters and tried to wrap their heads around whether or not to make blogs public or private, required or optional, individual or group, graded or informal. Other tools such as wikis – Web pages anyone can edit – were used as collaboration and research spaces. Professor Steve Greenlaw's senior economics seminars blazed the trail here. Each experiment revealed more about the potential of blogging and personal publication in the classroom.

Along the way, magic began. One example continues to draw gasps from audiences at education conferences, even years later.

In the spring of 2006, a group of Professor Gregg Stull's theater students embarked on a semester-long blogging journey in which they recorded their research and reflections for an upper-level seminar titled "Ideas in Performance." One student, **Tori Miller '06**, posted thoughts about a student production she was directing of *Fat Men in Skirts* by playwright Nicky Silver. She was struggling with some production choices, and decided to put her concerns into a blog post. Imagine her surprise when Silver *himself* left a comment on her post, encouraging her to "just play each scene for its own values and let the characters' journey pull you through."

How much more authentic could learning become than to have undergraduates reflecting with passion and precision on their own learning, and thereby drawing the attention of the very artists and professionals whose work they were studying?

Not IF, but HOW?

At that point, DTLT staffers were pretty sure that this blogging thing "had legs." Their experience and intuition were reinforced by the conversations and presentations at the 2006 Faculty Academy on Teaching and Learning Technologies. Faculty Academy, as it had come to be called during the administration of founder David Ayersman, Mary Washington's first Director of Instructional Technology, is an annual showcase and conference for faculty to share their work with information and communication technologies in teaching and learning.

The event grew and flourished under Ayersman's leadership, and when Campbell followed him as assistant vice president for teaching and learning technologies, he built on Ayersman's foundation. UMW Faculty Academy turned into an annual event that attracts leaders in new media, information technologies, and higher education from throughout the United States and Canada as keynote presenters and workshop facilitators. In attendance and showcasing their work are faculty and staff from UMW, W&M, George Mason University, and other prominent colleges and universities in Virginia – and increasingly, other states as well.

The special spirit of Faculty Academy reflected the uniquely innovative culture of teaching and learning at

The UMW instructional technologists are using their sandbox not only to craft open source solutions but also to transform themselves into more capable evaluators of the next commercial packages they'll need to buy from vendors. And, more than incidentally, they are having a great deal of fun.

Jon Udell of Microsoft, former strategic developer for *Infoworld* magazine

Mary Washington, and the event also gave faculty and staff a chance to talk about what was working well in their own explorations across the curriculum. At the 2006 Faculty Academy, DTLT staff organized a panel discussion on blogging at UMW. Faculty from both UMW campuses participated, contributing ideas and experiences from their classrooms and research. This session, the first of its kind, made clear just how transformative blogging was becoming at UMW. One of the guest workshop leaders that year, Cyprien Lomas, a fellow of the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative as well as an educational technology administrator at the University of British Columbia, told Campbell afterwards it was the most informative and inspiring conversation about blogging in higher education that he'd ever heard.

At this point, then, the question was not whether blogs could be an important part of teaching and learning. That question had been answered with a resounding "yes." The question became how to make customized course blogging available on a larger scale. Campbell's early experiments with multi-user blogging in the classroom had been just successful enough to tempt him onward. In the summer of 2006, Campbell and a new instructional technology specialist, Jim Groom,

Across UMW Blogs lies a trail of my educational victories and failures. Some landmarks are more apparent than others, but it is a path that I own. And it is not only about my path, it is a place where my path intertwines and intersects with other travelers.

Shannon Hauser '10

Faculty using UMW Blogs

So how are Mary Washington faculty members using UMW Blogs? There are examples from across the disciplines, in every kind of course. Here's a small sample:

The English department's **Mara Scanlon** and **Brady Earnhart**, along with **Jim Groom**, instructional technologies specialist for arts and humanities, are part of a group that has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant called "Looking for Whitman: The Poetry of Place in the Life and Work of Walt Whitman." The grant will help students at three other universities as well – the New York City College of Technology, New York University, and Rutgers University – engage in a concurrent inquiry, connected by open-source technology, into the relationship of Walt Whitman's poetry to local geography and history.

Visit the UMW Digital Whitman site **http://marywash.lookingforwhitman.org**, and you could get lost not only in students' and teachers' writings on Walt Whitman, but also in video of students sporting long, fake gray beards reading the poet's work or a class tour of Civil War sites in Fredericksburg, where Whitman nursed wounded soldiers. Site visitors will find audio of class lectures, photos, maps, and shout-outs to the Whitman classes blogging at other universities.

In her upper-level "Literary Journals" seminar, English Professor **Claudia Emerson** is having her students re-imagine literary publishing for the 21st century. Working in small groups, the students take on the task of conceiving, developing, and publishing online literary journals. Visit the student journals online at **http://literaryjournals.umwblogs.org**.

Learn more about Emerson's class English 304A, "Creative Writing: Poetry," at **http://ethershops09.umwblogs.org**.

Biology Professor **Steve Gallik** has worked with specialists in DTLT to bring the traditional laboratory notebook online. Students publish their cell biology lab results directly to their spaces in UMW Blogs, allowing them to annotate and manage their notebooks and allowing their professor to monitor and comment upon their progress. See Gallik's Online Laboratory and Digital Notebooks homepage at **http://lablogs.umwblogs.org**.

In the history department, Associate Professor **Jeff McClurken** is introducing his students to the field of "digital history." In spring 2008, students in his seminar used UMW Blogs to design and develop persistent online resources about their research on James Farmer, the UMW Centennial, James Monroe, and Virginia's historical markers in the Fredericksburg area.

See the tools McClurken is using to teach digital history and to teach students new to college in his "Freshman Seminar: Marching Home" by visiting the class blog at **http://marchinghome2008.umwblogs.org** .

For the last two years, students in Economics Professor **Steven Greenlaw**'s freshman seminar classes in globalization have been using UMW Blogs as a platform to publicly track their progress as they're introduced to the challenges of a college seminar. Most recently, Greenlaw led a class of upper-level economics majors to explore the domestic and global implications of the current financial crisis and economic recession. The work done by the class resulted in **http://2008financialcrisis.umwblogs.org**.

In summer 2009, students, many of them already graduates, worked with Greenlaw to revise the work, and they published it online. Greenlaw is putting together a small team to continue the analysis. The blog got a mention in *Liberal Education Today*, the newsletter of NITLE, the National Institute for the study of Technology in Liberal Education. Greenlaw said, "The site is very professional and I have vetted every page, so I believe it's high quality, not merely an artificial class project."

To read more about the class that led to the 2008 Financial Crisis blog, visit **http://econ482.umwblogs.org**.

To learn more about Greenlaw's ideas and teaching, including the creation of the Financial Crisis blog, see **http://pedablogy.stevegreenlaw.org/?p=703**.

English Professor **Marie McAllister** and her students have won international recognition for their "18th Century Poetry" project, in which they have performed new readings of 18th-century lyric poems and have curated excellent readings already on the Web. This free audio archive is a collaborative research opportunity for McAllister and her students, and it's a valuable scholarly resource already in demand by professors and students around the world.

To hear Helena Marie Williams' "Sonnet to Hope," William Blake's "Ah! Sun-flower," and many other poems, go to McAllister's "Eighteenth-Century Audio" site at **http://ecaudio.umwblogs.org**. Some of the most beautiful readings are by Professor McAllister.

worked together to test an application that would allow a much more powerful integration of multi-user blogging into courses than had heretofore been possible. The application, tested in Campbell's summer school film class, was successful, but too difficult to set up and administer on a large scale. Although DTLT staff continued to blog, and blogs continued to be used by a few UMW faculty in their teaching and professional lives, the idea of multi-user blogging had to be shelved for the time being.

Development is rapid in the world of technology, though, and by January of 2007, a company called WordPress had a multi-user blogging platform ready for use. Campbell saw the announcement and mentioned it in passing to Jim Groom. True to form, Groom had the installation up and running the next day.

Campbell's Film/Text/Culture class was the first to adopt this new multi-user blogs setup, and it quickly demonstrated the power and versatility of this new platform. The students went "ballistic," Groom said, and began including relevant YouTube videos and film screen shots, which were accompanied by deep and reflective examinations of the texts, all of which began resonating as a larger community of sharing and thinking. Several students also used the publishing space, limited at that time to the Department of English, Linguistics, and Speech, to document the process and progress of their independent studies over the course of a semester. By the end of the term, the small investment – $7 a month paid to the hosting service, plus the sweat and ingenuity of faculty, staff, and students – had yielded an enormous return. And that was just over one semester.

Jim Groom

> ***I've said it before and I'll say it again: my favorite thing about blogging was being encouraged to take an active role in my own education…. [I]f I seem zealous it's because I came to see myself as a real scholar precisely by blogging for Dr. Campbell's class. You know that whole "dialogue" that critics are supposedly engaged in? Well, I'd never actually seen any such dialogue until I was invited to participate in one. That opportunity, that invitation…well, it made all the difference. It made my studies more than just an artificial activity to pass the time in school.***
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> Madeline Kelly '09

Such success, spearheaded by faculty's innovative and creative use of the multi-user environment and coupled with students' unsolicited initiative in the space, provided compelling evidence that UMW needed a larger blogging platform. And from this humble experiment, the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies decided to make the jump from one small departmental blogging engine to a University-wide publishing platform called "UMW Blogs."

A catalyst is created

After a summer of brainstorming, dreaming, and planning under the leadership of its new director, **Martha Fay Burtis '96**, DTLT rolled out UMW Blogs in the fall of 2007. Excitement prevailed throughout the University community with the unveiling of this simple and elegant means to publish work online for others to read, connect with, and respond to.

The entire instructional technology group started consulting with faculty about the possibilities and potential of such a system. By the beginning of September 2007, there were more than 15 courses using UMW Blogs and nearly 300 blogs featuring faculty and students from at least six different departments. It was immediately apparent that the move from a departmental-specific site to a University-wide publishing system changed not only the scale, but also the uses of the blogs. The move created unique possibilities for sharing between and across disciplines, as well as exposing the work

UMW Blogs is a remarkably versatile tool for higher education, allowing student authorship and publishing, faculty engagement with a larger academic community, and – best of all – a glimpse into the life of the mind of the institution.

Jeffrey W. McClurken '94,
UMW Associate
Professor of History

of UMW's students and faculty to one another and to experts and practitioners all over the world.

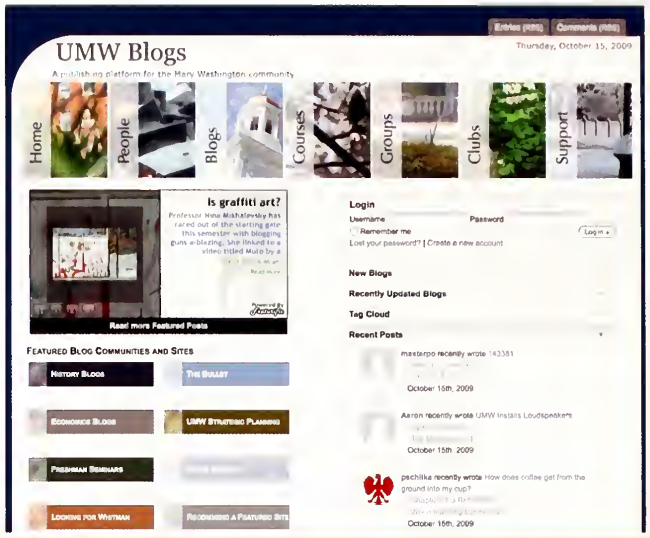
By the end of the first semester, there were more than 600 unique users signed up on UMW Blogs and more than 500 blogs. That meant that within one semester more than 10 percent of the campus population had joined this voluntary, grassroots effort. Even more thrilling was that this experiment gave faculty and students the opportunity to find and engage in the work of a variety of different classes in which they were not formally enrolled. It became clear that UMW Blogs could be a truly integrative platform for liberal education.

Rather than locking the ideas, reflections, and questions that are essential to a liberal arts education within a set of course-specific containers, UMW Blogs helped expose them to the entire campus community. Far from being a risk or a liability, UMW Blogs became a catalyst for innovation and the foundation for a thriving community of learning, one that over the next 18 months continued to yield surprises, build relationships, and attract international admiration.

And the magic continued. A student in a freshman seminar blogged about soul singer Sam Cooke; a few days later, Sam Cooke's nephew commented on her blog.

UMW Blogs grows up

When UMW Blogs started in the fall of 2007, the staff of DTLT looked at it as a great sandbox for teaching and learning. Continually monitoring this "pilot" project, they offered different features to the system by adding "plugins," short pieces of computer code written by members of the WordPress community. Sometimes the plugins work as intended, sometimes they don't; the computer code can be



UMW Blogs home page.

"buggy," or the plugin has to be updated. The software may be free, but keeping it running is not.

Jim Groom has carried the load in keeping UMW Blogs up and running, serving in the role of "application administrator," or "admin" for short. As the admin, Groom is the person who hears about the problems and is expected to fix them. A sampling of the types of comments that regularly cross his desk:

UMW Blogs seems slow today. Call Jim.

Hey Jim, I can't get the images to load correctly on my post.

Jim, we need to get the security patches installed on UMW Blogs.

Fortunately, Groom has been more than up to the task of maintaining the system. His contacts in the WordPress community exchange ideas, problems, and fixes.

Before long, UMW's nice little sandbox was getting more

UMW Blogs opened the digital door to me; it allowed me to write for writing's sake in a setting that I could still consider "academic." With the platform, I was able to interact with other students and – more important – professors in a way that seemed to transcend the scholastic sphere. Beyond the bubble of the University, though, my blog continues to offer me unlimited possibilities in experimentation...and builds an ongoing discussion on culture that recreates the roundtable experience without force-fitting it into the box of a classroom.

Brad Efford '10

and more use. The message was clear: UMW Blogs was a hit. But with success comes added responsibility. With so many faculty and students using UMW Blogs, it became an "enterprise" application, one that had to serve many people across the campus very reliably, day in and day out.

Goodbye commodity Web hosting at $7 a month; the University needed a service that would host the system on a Web server dedicated to its use alone. That way, more users and blogs could be added without having to worry about the system getting slow or crashing under the load. Security and privacy controls also were implemented to protect students, faculty, and staff.

Fortunately, these efforts to transform UMW Blogs into an "enterprise" application have not killed the sandbox aspect. It still is a unique application that allows users to experiment and to dream. UMW does not consider it a "blogging" system per se, but rather, a Web publishing platform. When UMW Blogs is viewed in such a way, it is easy to see how the application can extend to student-designed literary journals, online lab notebooks, or even audio recordings of 18th-century lyric poetry.

As UMW Blogs strengthens and grows, the world is taking notice. UMW's Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies deserves much of that praise, but so do the faculty who are innovating in that space, crossing disciplines and courses, working with students on projects that would simply have been impossible before the "sandbox" era began.

Student bloggers are beginning to attract attention as well. Two undergraduates from UMW were the first students to present at the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative annual meeting, a conference that previously had focused on faculty and staff presentations. These students have been followed by yet more students and faculty presenting at national and international conferences.

UMW's experiments with blogs, wikis, and various open-source Web-enabled teaching and learning technologies have clearly contributed in substantial and influential ways to the global conversation about new uses for the World Wide Web.

Although the two earliest architects of that sandbox, Chip German and Gardner Campbell, have since gone to positions of leadership at other schools (German is Vice President for Information Technologies at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, and Campbell is at Baylor University, serving as Director of the Academy for Teaching and Learning as well as an Associate Professor of Literature and Media), new architects, collaborators, and participants have continued to infuse UMW Blogs with the energy and vision it needs to thrive. Here's how Khalil Yazdi, UMW's current Vice President for Information Technologies, characterizes the ongoing importance of UMW Blogs, both to the University community and to higher education as a whole:

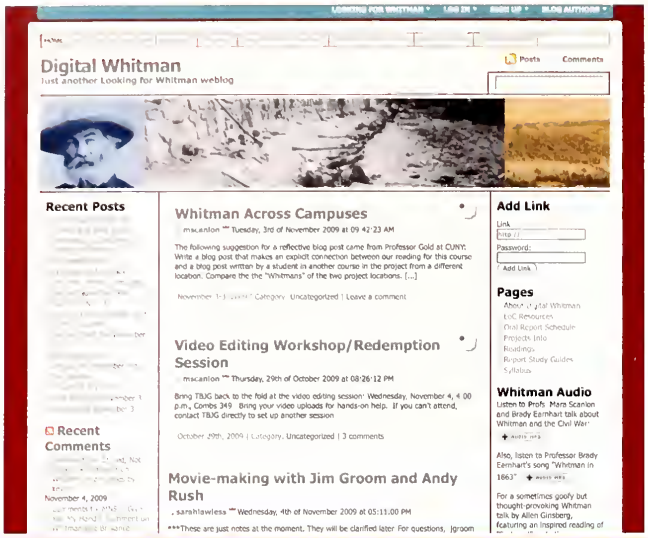
UMW Blogs provides our students and faculty a unique opportunity to explore the benefits and challenges of presenting

Let me just say some things that I think are special about Mary Washington – and I do think it's a very special place.

***On Faculty Academy:** Faculty Academy is a very important feature of the overall success at UMW because it provides a public forum – with clear support from the administration – for faculty to reflect on their learning and to own the successes and the failures. Faculty Academy helps us avoid just the puff pieces and understand the reality.*
The culture of sharing at FA is unusual – maybe even unique. Visitors from William & Mary are always amazed at the number and range of faculty who present and the honesty of their presentations. Bringing in outside speakers and visitors gives the Mary Washington folk a sense that they are not alone and reinforces/recognizes that they are doing good, important work.

***On the DTLT staff:** The time and energy that Martha Burtis and Jim Groom have put into sharing the technical details of the work have been very helpful to those of us trying to build on your successes. I have to believe there's an important benefit to modeling that kind of open, transparent commitment to sharing as a kind of professional development that's valuable.*

Gene Roche, Director of Academic Technology at the College of William & Mary



Digital Whitman course home page.

and sharing digital content in an academic environment. At the same time, they can work toward an understanding of important aspects of their personal and professional digital identity.

Presenting course content via UMW Blogs provides students and faculty a vehicle to share and receive feedback and has demonstrated the power of UMW Blogs as a teaching and learning tool ... UMW Blogs represents a notable example of the power of collaborative effort among faculty, learning technology specialists, and institutional IT support in responding to the challenges of teaching, learning, and scholarship in the digital age.

What's next?

With the launch of UMW Blogs, faculty and students have started coming to terms with their new digital identities – as professors, students, academics, administrators, members of clubs, committees, and creative collectives. Some faculty members want to set up professional websites within the environment. Students have begun to experiment with the idea of using UMW Blogs as a place to host online, dynamic portfolios of their work; that way, they could highlight their achievements for future employers in a more professional context than on Facebook profiles.

Given this developing interest in understanding and building digital identities, UMW Blogs has added a feature to the site that allows anyone to "map" a Web address to a site on UMW Blogs. In short, any faculty member or student can purchase a domain name online and then assign it to his or her blog. While the change of the address may seem like a minor detail, having a domain of one's own can be empowering, and it helps users establish an individual online identity, something that is becoming more common and

When I visited UMW to speak at the Faculty Academy a couple of years ago, I was struck by the faculty's attitude toward the DTLT staff and toward technology. The faculty were engaged, excited, and interested in the offerings of DTLT, and it was clear that they trust the staff and hold them in high regard. That relationship, I think, is a key contributing factor to the way UMW has become a leader in the effective use of educational technology. Faculty know they will be supported and encouraged when they try things, and that makes a huge difference. The staff at DTLT build and support the campus community with everything they do – UMW Blogs is a great example of this. Instead of giving each student or teacher an isolated blog – which would be the easiest way to do it but would have resulted in a host of unconnected, abandoned blogs – the team at UMW has created a whole community of bloggers. They have done so by treating it as a community and by creating the support structure to make that possible. From the point of view of the bloggers, it just "happens" – they don't have to learn technology for technology's sake. They can get in there and do what is meaningful for them in a way that's easy for them, and the structure that supports the community is an integrated part of it already. The support of the DTLT staff is one of the reasons UMW is so well respected in the edtech community.

Rachel Smith,
Vice President for
Services, New Media
Consortium

I first used UMW Blogs for a film class my freshman year, and I thought it was the most amazing thing. I could analyze a scene with text, images, video, and audio. I could even continue the conversation through comments or cite my classmates' work. But that was nothing, because since then I've seen UMW Blogs used for conference presentations, course discussion spaces, student-run nonprofits, an audio collection of 18th-century poetry, Italian travel blogs, online portfolios, and even literary journals. Every semester I'm surprised all over again by how innovative students and professors are with this online space. The beauty of UMW Blogs is that it can be anything.

Serena Epstein '09

necessary in the digital age.

Another promising emerging technology is a mechanism to include more social networking within the UMW Blogs system. Starting this fall, UMW Blogs has had a Facebook-like social network integrated into the system. Called "BuddyPress," this feature is a way to create relationships among users of UMW Blogs. BuddyPress creates a more sophisticated layer of information about who is using the system.

Moreover, the BuddyPress tool will allow users – faculty, students, staff, alumni – to create networks of friends and follow their work closely, as well as to form ad hoc groups for sharing information or developing a community. The key is that a social networking element such as BuddyPress gives everyone in the community yet another way to find and access the collective thinking of the University community.

UMW Blogs is also exploring the use of techniques and technologies that would allow a more precise articulation – in a form that computer programs can interpret – of knowledge about who's blogging and in what contexts and for what purposes. From that information, users with similar interests and backgrounds can discover one another.

For example, a student blogs about his experiences in a geography course, which uses a particular GIS device. At the same time, a student in a historic preservation course blogs about using the same GIS device to record information about her archaeological studies. The geography student will have something in common with the historic preservation student – they are using similar tools. At present, the chances of them finding each other are slim, at best.

With the new options under exploration, though, it should be possible to create ways for these two students to discover each other and what they are writing in UMW Blogs.

With these and other enhancements planned for the future, the focus of UMW Blogs remains the same as it has been since its birth: exploring information and communication technologies in an effort to bring people together into richer learning experiences and a more effective and meaningful educational community.

Contributing to this article were: Martha Burtis '96, Chip German, Jim Groom, Patrick Murray-John, Andy Rush, and Jerry Slezak.

For several years I have followed with keen interest the innovation infused into the University of Mary Washington by the DTLT team. UMW is a prime example of talking about how a small team can have an important impact on their organization via a process of continually engaging in research and development with new tools and carrying it successfully through to an implementation level. Perhaps internally they are so close they do not see it, but the expansion of UMW Blogs from an experiment to an entire ecosystem for publishing, creativity, connecting, and promoting deeper learning is truly a remarkable achievement that would be the envy of many other institutions. But more important, from my own experience at visiting UMW, the DTLT staff has one of the most cooperative and mutally beneficial relationships with the faculty that I have seen anywhere.

Alan Levine, Vice President for Community and Chief Technical Officer, New Media Consortium

Tom Chillemi

The Energizer Alumna

Ruby Lee Norris '36 keeps on going and keeps on giving

By Susan Scott Neal

Never mind that she is 92 years young. Ruby Lee Norris juggles writing, photography, exercising, entertaining, reading, gardening, and administering her civic duties.

Every night at twilight, Ruby Lee Norris slips outside to her porch to bask in the serenity and sounds of her garden.

Amid rose bushes, daylilies, ferns, and shade trees, she listens as the world goes to sleep – first the birds, then the tree frogs, and finally, a multitude of insects, all giving up their daytime cacophony for a calming hum.

When silence and darkness envelop her, Norris is also ready for rest.

And goodness knows, at 92, she needs her rest. Despite her chronological age, Norris in mind and spirit is a young whirling dervish of energy, ideas, imagination, and optimism. She has more going on in her life than many people half her age.

On any given day she might be writing poetry or a magazine article, taking photographs, researching history on the Internet, answering emails, exercising, going to a meeting, participating in a writing workshop, entertaining friends, going out to lunch, reading books, puttering in her garden, having her hair and nails done, shopping for bright and beautiful clothes, or modeling in a fashion show.

In addition, she's always charming and always cheerful.

She is a wonder and an inspiration to all who know her.

That includes the University of Mary Washington community, which has been a part of Norris' life since she entered the school as a freshman in 1932.

Back then, UMW was known as the Fredericksburg State Teachers College, and Norris was a country girl from Middlesex County, Va. Driven by the Great Depression and realizing the sacrifices her family made to send her to college, she graduated in 1936 ready to land a job. She had teaching certifications in French, English, and science.

Those certifications served Norris well over a 37-year teaching career, and she has remained a grateful and loyal friend of the University. Her college friendships have also lasted, she said. "Mary Washington changed my life."

Norris has been involved in the institution's affairs since joining the alumni association in 1961, her 25th anniversary year. She has served two terms on the Alumni Association Board and a term on the Board of Visitors, and she is in her second term on the UMW Foundation Board. In 1986, Norris received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of her myriad contributions over the years.

A dozen years ago, she established a scholarship for students majoring in either French or English, two of her areas of concentration.

She also has served as class agent for many years and is the most senior alumna to handle correspondence from classmates and write a Class Notes entry for *University of Mary Washington Magazine*.

From her home in Topping, a tiny town in rural Middlesex County, Norris uses email and the telephone to stay in touch with the University on a regular basis. She is on campus for meetings at least four times a year, more often if there are dedications or special events.

"She comes with an entourage," said **Mary Randolph "Ranny" Corbin '71**, executive assistant to the UMW President. "She has lots of friends among a group of current and former board members in the Northern Neck area, and they all call her when they're coming to the University. She wouldn't miss a thing here."

And she would be sorely missed if she did.

"She's a huge favorite around here," Corbin said. "Everyone adores her. She takes an interest in everything, and she's a wonderful, charming conversationalist. She wears the most gorgeous clothes, she's beautiful and she's elegant, but she's also unpretentious. She is simply a lovely person, and she has a way of making everyone she comes in contact with feel very special."

Even though she was 80 years old when she was appointed to the Board of Visitors, Norris served vigorously and displayed a keen intellect and a special interest in academic affairs.

She's genteel and unfailingly polite, but she doesn't hesitate to express her opinions. She opposed changing Mary Washington College's name in 2004, and she wrote a three-page letter detailing her reasons.

But she doesn't hold a grudge. "I move on," she said. "I'm used to the name now."

Norris often travels to Fredericksburg with **Jean Polk Hanky '69** of White Stone, Va., a friend and fellow Foundation Board member who also has served on the Board of Visitors and the alumni board.

"Ruby Lee is the most wonderful company and she never lacks for a ride, a dinner party, or an invitation," Hanky said. "She's wise, optimistic, interesting, funny, and fun to be with. And she really also knows how to use her feminine wiles. She's surrounded by men wherever she goes."

Back in her home county, Norris is held in high regard. The Rotary Club honored her last winter with its prestigious "Pride of Middlesex" award in recognition of her many efforts to improve the quality of life in the county.

She shared the award with her younger sister, Rachel Bridges, a fellow county resident who also lives an energetic, productive life.

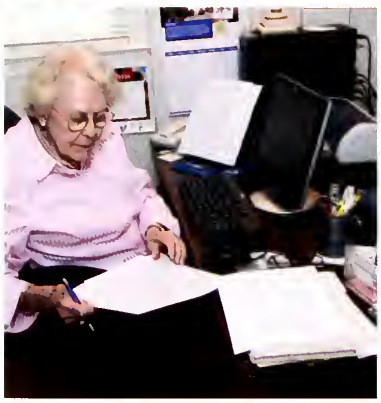
Norris said she and her sister complement each other. "My sister wants to help the downtrodden, and I want to help the ones who are up and going."

Among many other activities, Norris was a founder of the Middlesex Family YMCA; of the Central Middlesex Association, which was formed to preserve the rural landscape; and of Middlesex Forward, a non-partisan group that sponsors

speakers and public forums on growth and environmental issues. Also a founder of the Chesapeake Writers Club, Norris is active as well in her church and her garden club.

Home for Mrs. Norris is a two-story clapboard house built in 1859 by her great-uncle, William Hall. Its furnishings are a charming mix of antiques, original art, personal keepsakes, and framed photographs that she has taken with her 35 mm Canon.

Robert A. Martin



Tom Chillemi

When she's at home, Norris (left) spends part of each day in her office writing, blogging, and emailing. She enjoys her trips to her alma mater.

Above, she reconnects with one of her proteges, former Board of Visitors member Ben Hernandez '95.

Norris has lived in the same house since 1981, when she and her late husband, Vernon, moved back home from Richmond, where they had lived for many years.

Vernon was in real estate, and Ruby Lee taught high school in Henrico County and Richmond. Together, they also restored houses in Richmond's Fan district, where they lived in a large Victorian.

Both Ruby Lee and Vernon were born and raised in the country, she in the Hartfield area of Middlesex and he in Lancaster County. "I was born in the same bed, in the same bedroom where my mother was born, in my grandmother's house," she said.

Mrs. Norris' maiden name was also Norris, though her Norrises from Middlesex weren't related to her husband's Norrises from Lancaster.

Ruby Lee Norris Norris can trace her ancestry back to England on both sides of her family. Through her mother, whose maiden name was Hall, she is descended from a man who first came to Mathews County, Va., as an indentured servant and later obtained land through the headright system. Under it, Virginia colonists were given a "headright" of land – 50 acres – to farm. To encourage migration to large farms, and thus fuel the tobacco economy, each time a land owner enticed a new worker from the old world and paid the passage, he received another headright of land.

On the Norris side, her immigrant ancestor was the fourth son of a baron who came to Maryland from the North Sea area of England. There were seafarers and merchants among her ancestors, and her father ran a general store at Hartfield. Her mother was a first-grade teacher.

Oldest of three daughters, Norris said she never wanted to do anything but teach. "Back in those days, girls could be teachers, nurses, or secretaries. I became a teacher, one sister became a nurse, and one became a secretary."

Mary Washington was the obvious college choice in the 1930s for local girls, she said, because transportation from rural Middlesex County was relatively easy, a straight shot up U.S. 17 through Tappahannock.

Even so, she didn't come home often because money was tight during the Depression. Norris said she'll never forget her first trip home for the Christmas holiday after being in Fredericksburg all semester. A snowstorm had blanketed the roads and prevented travel by car.

"I thought I was something now that I was in college, and I thought I'd make this grand show of coming home," she said. "But my mother said I'd have to take the train to Richmond and then catch a bus home from there. So I went with friends on the train to Richmond, but I got there and didn't have enough money to get home on the bus. Fortunately I knew the bus driver and I told him my daddy would pay for me when I got home. So I rode the bus home and Daddy picked me up and paid the driver. I always say I came home C.O.D. That sure knocked me down a notch or two."

Young Ruby Lee was determined to make the most of her college education because she knew she would be competing against men for jobs. By focusing on required courses rather than electives, she was certified to teach three subjects rather than just one.

In 1972, she earned a master's degree in humanities from the University of Richmond. Over the years, she taught French, English, journalism and creative writing, and she served as yearbook advisor. She retired as a humanities consultant for Henrico County Public Schools.

Large bookshelves and stacks of books in her home testify to an abiding love of knowledge.

In the kitchen, blue and white gingham adorns the walls, and a comfy loveseat and chair encourage cozy chats over a cup of tea.

Just outside the kitchen door, detached from the house, is her small cottage office. Norris spends several hours every day on the computer, writing or researching. She loves the Internet and she graduated long ago from writing on yellow legal pads to composing on the keyboard.

William B. Crawley Jr.

When the Rotary Club presented Norris the "Pride of Middlesex" award last year, fellow Mary Washington alumnae flocked to the festivities. Encircling the honoree, left to right, are Sylvia Woodcock '61, Terrie Crawley '78, and Kathy Mehfoud '70.

Norris writes for both pleasure and pay. She has been a garden columnist for *Pleasant Living* magazine since its inception 25 years ago, and she also writes for *Virginia Gardener*. She takes many of the photographs that accompany her articles.

She comes up with her own ideas and she enjoys historical research for stories of local interest, such as a series about steamboat travel in the Chesapeake Bay area. For another series, she researched the history behind several notable trees, including a lynching tree, a tree under which enslaved people were sold, and a tree under which a peace treaty was signed between colonists and Indians.

She writes frequently about beautiful gardens and the people who create them, and she gets nature and gardening story ideas from the five acres surrounding her home. Her property is a certified National Wildlife Habitat and it reflects her love of all living things.

"I've written about butterflies, bees, birds, and various critters that have invaded my yard. And I've seen a lot of critters," she says.

Intellectual pursuits keep Mrs. Norris from ever being bored.

Lately, she's been experimenting with poetry as a means of writing about a bittersweet, late-in-life romance that ended with the death of her gentleman friend. She's taken a poetry workshop with **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69**, who lives nearby and is the immediate past poet laureate of Virginia.

The form Norris has chosen uses free verse and involves writing separate poems, then creating a new work by alternating stanzas from the original poems.

She says writing poetry and taking photographs are similar activities. "Each is a little flash of something. It's all about being alert to the world."

Alert she is. Friends and associates marvel at Norris' vitality and intellectual vigor at 92.

It may just be good genes, she said, but she has always tried to take care of herself by getting plenty of rest, healthy food, and regular exercise. She socializes often and travels occasionally to visit friends and relatives, including her son, Vernon Jr., three grandsons, and two great-grandsons.

Jean Hanky also believes Norris' curious nature, positive spirit, and spirituality play a role.

"Ruby Lee is constantly learning, working, studying," Hanky said. "Everything inspires her, especially the sounds and colors of nature. She's always coming up with a new interest, something new she wants to know about."

As director of alumni relations at UMW, **Cynthia L. Snyder '75** has worked closely with Norris for a number of years. Snyder, too, would like to know her secret.

"Ruby Lee is just amazing," she said. "She is involved totally in the University. She loves interacting with students, she knows what's going on, and she makes a point to be informed about everything."

Snyder, who is amazed by Norris' ability to delight everyone she meets, said, "I want to be just like her when I grow up."

Balloting in an Embattled Country

UMW professor was in Afghanistan as election observer

By Marty Morrison

A man voting at a polling center in Kandahar City.

As an accredited election observer, **Ranjit Singh '90** has spent 15 years witnessing democratic elections in such hot spots as Bangladesh, Liberia, South Africa, and the Gaza Strip.

Still, the UMW professor was unprepared for the life-risking circumstances he faced as an official observer of the 2009 election process in Afghanistan – only the second presidential election there since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

"I've been in situations that were iffy and uncertain, but I've never been in a situation where I was a target," said Singh, assistant professor of political science and international relations. The son of retired UMW English professor Raman K. Singh, Ranjit Singh grew up on a working farm in Stafford County and now has a toddler son of his own.

His horizons greatly broadened, Singh was among a delegation of about 60 foreign-policy experts invited to Afghanistan by Democracy International, a network that provides technical assistance for democracy and governance programs worldwide. The Afghanistan election observation mission was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Singh donned a flak jacket and a military ballistics helmet, and he traveled in an armored car escorted by Humvees during his 12-day trip in August.

After being briefed in the capital city of Kabul for three days, Singh flew to the unstable Farah province on the southwestern border of Iran. On the eve of the election, he ate dinner with Farah's governor and election officials, including the representative in charge of implementing the election in the province.

"He is a very admirable man," Singh said about the representative. "He's just a government employee who could be blown up at any moment because he was the symbol of the election."

Before the election, Taliban insurgents had fired two rockets into the town. They terrorized voters with threats of cutting off the fingers of anyone voting and mining roads around polling stations. At one point, the election official said that half of his staff had quit.

"Imagine trying to run an election under those circumstances, with or without fraud," Singh said.

Under the circumstances, Singh and his partner on the delegation realized that security concerns made it impossible to monitor the voting stations.

"I'm an election observer, not a soldier," Singh said. "We were not there to take big risks, and the security guy said it's a 'no go'."

Election observers who witnessed the process in more stable provinces reported considerable fraud, Singh said. Two months after the Aug. 20 voting, Afghanistan's election commission determined that fraud did exist and ordered a Nov. 7, 2009, runoff in the disputed presidential poll. Incumbent Hamid Karzai accepted the finding and agreed to the runoff with his main challenger, Abdullah Abdullah. The challenger demanded that major changes be made to the polling process in advance of the runoff to avoid a repeat of the fraud. In early November, when it became clear to Abdullah that his demands were not being met, he withdrew from the race, and Afghan officials declared Karzai the winner.

"This election had serious challenges that impeded the ability of international observers to get a clear picture of what went on," Singh said. "If fraud was significant enough to affect the outcome of the elections, it would destroy credibility of the election among Afghan people."

Despite the constraints, Singh considered the experience tremendously educational. He flew over much of the country and saw firsthand the challenges of the rugged, mountainous terrain. Traveling through Kabul, he saw modern glass wedding palaces on many street corners – a remarkable sign of optimism – in the backdrop of crumbling roads and dilapidated buildings.

"I learned about the country and, more importantly, I saw for myself the conditions in which people are living and the peculiarities that make the country unique," Singh said.

He also had a chance encounter with one of his students, **Nilab Sadat '12**, while dining at a hotel in Kabul. Sadat was spending the summer with her family in Afghanistan before returning to UMW for her third year.

"She and the other Afghan students are the ones who got me interested in going to Afghanistan," Singh said.

The three students attending UMW through the Initiative to Educate Afghan Women have given Singh a more comprehensive perspective of the country and United States involvement there.

"As a teacher, I'm rather torn when thinking about Afghanistan," Singh said. "The big debate in policy circles is whether we should send more troops and how many resources should we spend in trying to develop this country. Yet on a human level, I have these wonderful Afghan students and I see what the human stakes are and wonder about our moral obligations."

He continued, "If the Taliban are victorious there is no future for these students to use their education. They would be suspect because of their education and would be unable to return home. This kind of trip, for me, always brings home the human stakes. These are not abstract questions that we dryly debate in the classrooms."

Singh's experience in Afghanistan also reinforces the importance of having foreign students at UMW.

"They bring examples of world politics in action," Singh said. "I've learned from these students. Every one has a very different story and their presence has informed students. There's a wonderful interaction going on. I can only wish we had more of these students at Mary Washington." 🏛

Singh donned a flak jacket and a military ballistics helmet, and he traveled in an armored car escorted by Humvees during his 12-day trip in August.

Q&A

Kimberley Kinsley

By Christine Neuberger

Kimberley Kinsley's petite stature and sweet disposition might fool you. The assistant professor of leadership and management has confronted challenges in jail cells, in courtrooms, on construction sites, and on aircraft carriers.

Years ago as a public defender, Kim Kinsley dealt regularly with felons. As a military attorney, she routinely flew aboard planes that took off from aircraft carriers by being flung out over the ocean by catapult. She always has favored adrenalin-pumping diversions: skiing expert slopes, surfing the Pacific, and skydiving. Is it any surprise that a fellow attorney wrote a novel with a heroine inspired by Kinsley?

Now 50, she pushes the envelope in other ways. Still licensed to practice law, she enjoys plowing the ins and outs of information and privacy law, a current research interest. She relishes the classes she teaches in law and economics, engaging students by drawing from her varied career. Highlights range from working as an in-house counsel for a major defense contractor to years as a solo law practitioner.

After joining the UMW faculty in 2007, Kinsley plunged into University committee work. Her readiness to pitch in helped her win the 2009 Outstanding Faculty Award for the Stafford campus. "We all are busy. If something needs to be done, and if we're going to be worse off if no one gets in there and does it, then I'll jump into the frying pan," she said.

Whether jumping into the frying pan or out of an airplane, Kinsley remains faithful to her passions. One is writing. The published fiction writer stays awake most nights weaving tales on her computer. She's currently combing out the tangles in a 400-page novel. Tucked away in her hard drive are two other books and a script, all awaiting her attention.

Nothing, though, compares to this Spotsylvania resident's devotion to her two teenage daughters.

What do you most love about UMW?

I love the collegiality of the people. Committees offer a wonderful vehicle for getting to know people. I have learned so much from my students! Many of them have fulltime jobs, or are retired professionals; they commute and have families. I admire their determination.

How would you describe yourself?

It takes a lot to get me down. I see the good in everybody. I learned as a public defender, if you don't find something good in people, you can't excel on their behalf. I tend to see the cup half full.

What motivates you?

I've traveled to about 20 countries. I've lived in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Japan. Meeting people in developing countries with little opportunity has influenced me to appreciate this country. That motivates me in my classroom to raise awareness about other countries and cultures.

Who inspires you?

Sandra Day O'Connor and Ayn Rand. Rand's controversial books inspired me to value capitalism. Day O'Connor was a fine jurist and an independent thinker. I am also deeply inspired by Claudia Emerson's talent and the UMW students and faculty who have worked with the village in Honduras.

Who has most influenced your life?

My grandmothers were business-savvy when it wasn't cool for women to engage in business. They were kind and intelligent. They inspired me to consider business as an art form.

What are your passions?

Prior to children, I was all about surfing or skiing. I tandem parachuted. I was crazy, the things I would do. Then I had children. Now, they are my passion, and their passions are mine: ballet, classical music, and community theater. Anything to do with them, I'm game.

What is your fear?

My biggest fear is I will drop dead before I get my book published. People do drop dead at my age. Every night, I think I've got to write five pages or edit 20 more because I could drop dead tomorrow and this thing is going to be lost in my computer.

I worry about young people. Their world is so consumed by technology and information that they have no time to stop and smell the roses; they may irretrievably lose that moment under the stars thinking about things bigger than they are.

What do you enjoy doing?

Studying the law is gratifying to me. In business, knowledge of the law is critical. Go too far, you end up in court. Stop short, and you risk inefficiency. If you know the parameters of how far legally and ethically you can go, your business is empowered. My research project this year is information and privacy law. It's an area gaining momentum in business and in academics. I'm a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, and I'm trying to become a Certified Information Privacy Professional.

Get the Picture?

Editor's note: "Get the Picture?" asks for your help in identifying people in vintage UMW images. The photos are part of UMW's Centennial Digital Image Archive, an interactive and searchable database that was established in conjunction with Mary Washington's 100th birthday.

The collection, which can be viewed at http://archive.umw.edu, already comprises more than 1,000 images that chronicle UMW's visual history. Some of the images in the archive are identified only partially or not at all. The archive can become more complete from the shared knowledge of UMW friends and family.

Stacie Crookston Gonzalez '89 was astounded to see her photo featured in this section of the summer issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. Even more surprising – and a little upsetting – was that the 20-year-old photograph was described as "vintage," she said. In addition to Gonzalez herself, at least five of her classmates and one University administrator correctly identified the student who was listening to language tapes.

Today, Gonzalez lives in Colorado, where she works as a senior paralegal for El Paso Corp. The mother of three children – a 7-year-old and 2-year-old twins – Gonzalez regards the Rocky Mountains as her "playground." She spends a lot of time hiking with family and friends, traveling, scuba diving, and reading. At right is a photo of Gonzalez today.

Give It Your Best Shot!

The only information about this photo can be found written in pencil on the back of this 8-x-10-inch black and white photograph: "1971 Girl Reading Bullet." She is standing next to a cutout of a soldier adorned with a peace sign and a flower. Can you identify the student and shed more light on the photo? Submit information by emailing abilling@umw.edu (please put GET THE PICTURE in the subject line) or by sending regular mail to University of Mary Washington Magazine – Get the Picture, UMW, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Alumna Levels Stereotypes to Build **Award-Winning Remodeling Career**

Can-do business woman and University of Mary Washington alumna **Iris Harrell '69** has added another to her growing list of accomplishments – she is the 2009 Fred Case Remodeling Entrepreneur of the Year. In its third year, the award is based on business acumen/company financial strength, community and industry involvement, and entrepreneurial spirit.

In a field that has traditionally belonged to men, Harrell started her own remodeling company and hired mostly women. Having been a teacher in Virginia and a self-taught carpenter in Texas, she took a construction home study course in 1986 and opened Harrell Remodeling Inc. (HRI). Based in Mountain View, Calif., today the company employs 50 people – its own architects, designers, project managers, and skilled workers, according to the *San Franciso Chronicle*.

Harrell, president and CEO, and Ann Benson, her long-time partner, co-own HRI. Its revenue growth averaged 19 percent per year from 1986 until 2007, when it topped $11 million; 2008 revenue was more than $10 million.

John Lee

Iris Harrell in the foyer of the home she shares with long-time partner Ann Benson.

The company ranks among the area's largest and most successful woman-owned businesses and is recognized as one of the Silicon Valley's best places to work, employing one of the highest numbers of certified "green" remodelers in the California construction industry.

HRI has won more than 80 design and construction honors, and Harrell has her own collection of awards. Among them are 1996 Entrepreneur of the Year in the Bay area, 2006 Woman of Distinction in Small Business, 2006 Contractor of the Year with the regional chapter of National Association of the Remodeling Industry, and in 2007, San Francisco area's inaugural Women in Remodeling Award and the Athena Award for distinguished women in business in Silicon Valley.

Harrell started toward this career years ago by making repairs for neighbors, mostly widows who didn't want men they didn't know in their homes. In 2007, Harrell told *UMW Magazine* that she taught herself to hang sheetrock, install electrical wiring, and make plumbing repairs. But when she applied for construction jobs, contractors did more than turn her down – they laughed. She was not deterred; she started her own business. And today, she doesn't make assumptions about who to hire or what they can do.

Harrell credits her undergraduate education with providing her the skills and the self-reliance she needed to strike out on her own. "I am indebted to Mary Washington," said Harrell, who returned to her alma mater in 2008 to serve as the University's Executive in Residence.

The Fred Case Remodeling Entrepreneur of the Year Award was established by the founder, co-chairman, and CEO of Case Design/Remodeling. Fred Case doesn't serve as a judge, but he is happy with the choice for this year's recipient, he told *Remodeling Magazine*. "Iris really represents the true spirit of entrepreneurism. She is generous with her clients, employees, and the industry, and a very good manager."

– Neva Trenis

Parrots, who often outlive their owners, are the focus of a documentary film that landed alumna Lauren DeAngelis an Oscar.

Alumna Lands **Academy Award**

And the Oscar goes to…**Lauren DeAngelis**. The 2004 University of Mary Washington graduate heard those words in June when the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded her a bronze medal in the student documentary film category.

"If I could only win one award, this is what I would want it to be," said DeAngelis, who won for her half-hour film, *A Place to Land*. An achievement to which any filmmaker aspires, the Academy Award was presented to DeAngelis, 27, for the first documentary she ever made.

She plans to make more. Her day job requires attention, though. An online writer and editor for *U.S. News & World Report*, DeAngelis carves out time for her passion every chance she gets. She recently earned a master of arts degree in film and video from American University.

A Place to Land was her graduate thesis project. But the seed for the project was planted when DeAngelis was in elementary school. A "huge animal lover," she and her younger sister were smitten with a baby cockatiel they saw in a pet store. "Miraculously," DeAngelis said, "my mother agreed to buy it." By doing so, Mrs. DeAngelis fell prey to a phenomenon that formed the premise of the documentary.

As DeAngelis described it: Most people buy parrots – the third most popular pet in the U.S. after dogs and cats – on a whim. After several years, they may grow tired of the birds, which are noisy, messy, and require a lot of attention, and in many cases the owners die before their pets do.

According to DeAngelis, "macaws can live to be 80 or 90." Parrots live in millions of homes, but there are limited places for aging parrots to go; fewer than 100 bird sanctuaries exist throughout the United States. Consequently, many of the birds are abandoned.

DeAngelis' parrot, Precious, is still with her family. The 18-year-old bird divides her time between DeAngelis' and her sister's homes.

DeAngelis, an English major at UMW, said she has enjoyed filmmaking as a hobby, and has always taken lots of video of her family. So, she combined her hobby with her interest in writing. "Film is a visual way to tell a story," she said.

DeAngelis formed Fly Away Films with an AU classmate and NBC news producer who served as cinematographer and sound technician for *A Place to Land*. The company's website describes its debut documentary in this way:

This short film follows the journeys of homeless parrots in captivity across the nation, from foster homes in Northern Virginia to remote sanctuaries in Arizona and Utah. Exotic parrots are wild creatures at heart. When forced to live in cages as pets, they are prone to neurotic behaviors and often end up being treated poorly or abandoned when people don't understand the special care they need.

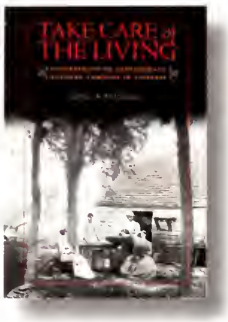
Ultimately, this film enlightens and educates audiences on the melancholy plight of these intelligent, beautiful creatures – and shows that they deserve the best care our nation can give them.

– Anna B. Billingsley

The documentary film winner flew to Beverly Hills in June for the 36th Annual Student Academy Awards.

Books by **Faculty**

(These books are available in the UMW Bookstore.)



Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia

By Jeffrey W. McClurken, associate professor of history at the University of Mary Washington

Take Care of the Living looks at how Confederate veterans of all social and economic classes and their families survived after the American Civil War. Author **Jeffrey W. McClurken '94**, chair of UMW's history department, researched the stories of more than 3,000 Confederates and their families by poring through letters, diaries, church minutes, and military and state records of residents of Danville, Va., and Pittsylvania County. He also closely analyzed the entire 1860 and 1870 Pittsylvania County population census.

What McClurken found were the range of strategies survivors used to face postwar circumstances. They reorganized and reconstructed households, looked to churches for emotional and economic support, pleaded with community elites for financial assistance or employment, sent psychologically damaged relatives to state-run asylums, and turned to the commonwealth for direct assistance in the form of artificial limbs, pensions, and even state-supported homes for old soldiers and widows.

While some down-on-their-luck Virginians had looked outside the family for assistance before Reconstruction, the Civil War left in its wake a need for aid that was unprecedented in its severity and in the numbers affected. McClurken says that to study Southern welfare from its inception, this is the period at which to begin.

Historian and author Robert C. Kenzer of the University of Richmond praised McClurken's work. "*Take Care of the Living* stands out because of its quantitative foundation as well as its representativeness," he said. "McClurken's interest in understanding every veteran and each of his family members, no matter what their class, and his use of a wide variety of approaches, has led him to compile the most complete community-based study of how Confederate veteran families adjusted in the postwar South."

McClurken will speak on *Take Care of the Living* as part of the Virginia Historical Society's Banner Lecture Series, Thursday, June 10, 2010, at noon, 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond.

–Published by University of Virginia Press, August 2009

Latinos in Dixie: Class and Assimilation in Richmond, Virginia

By Debra J. Schleef, associate professor of sociology at the University of Mary Washington, and H. B. Cavalcanti, professor of sociology at James Madison University

Latinos in Dixie takes a look at Richmond as the Latino community grows and the capital of the commonwealth moves beyond its historic ethnic divisions. Debra J. Schleef, chair of UMW's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and H. B. Cavalcanti explore the experiences of Latinos in the South through details of their lives as new arrivals in the mid-sized Southern city.

The book rejects stereotypes, revealing that Richmond's Latino community is made up mostly of middle-class professionals. The authors look at language use, ethnic customs, family life, workplace dynamics, and political and religious participation to illustrate what Latinos experience when they relocate to a place once largely defined by black-white relations. By observing how Richmond's well-educated Latino professionals dominate the cultural and political landscape while poorer immigrants remain marginal, Schleef and Cavalcanti show that class differences are made deeper by geographic mobility, isolation, and "segmented" assimilation.

– Published by SUNY, Albany Press, September 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Sue Bridi '81

It's fall and another academic year is well under way. Trees are sporting leaves tinged with fall colors, the spirited Class of 2013 has adjusted to the rhythms of the campus, and excitement abounds throughout the University. We are delighted to welcome Torre Meringolo, UMW's new vice president for advancement and university relations. Torre brings considerable experience and dynamic energy to the University's fundraising, alumni relations, and communications efforts.

We have already witnessed the groundbreaking for the new William M. Anderson Center, which will provide a magnificent new venue for athletic events as well as for University and community programs. Construction on the first phase of the Eagle Village residential-retail complex across Route 1 continues on schedule. If you visit Fredericksburg over the next few months, be sure to drive past these two construction sites and view the progress.

It has been a privilege for me to serve on the University's Strategic Planning Steering Committee over the past several months. The committee has met regularly since January and has developed a document that will be presented to the Board of Visitors in November. I would like to thank all alumni who took the time to read and comment on the draft document that was circulated in late summer – your input throughout the process has been valued and appreciated. The final product will outline priorities for the University for the next five years, and it will also address the University's obligations to the Commonwealth of Virginia as it prepares for the next accreditation review.

I also thank all of you who contributed to UMW's highly successful Centennial Campaign. Your crucial support helps ensure financial assistance for students and provides vital funds for academic programs and campus improvements. Thanks to you, the campaign surpassed its $75 million goal.

As another academic year unfolds, I hope you'll keep Mary Washington among your priorities. If you haven't visited campus in a while, come back and view for yourself the exciting changes that are taking place. Join us for an event in your area, recommend prospective students, serve as a mentor or sponsor an internship for a current student, or nominate a fellow alumnus for recognition. Most of all, keep in touch!

Reunion Weekend
UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON 2010

Alumni whose class years end in "0" and "5" will celebrate reunions in 2010! All alumni are welcome to return to UMW for this special weekend. Mark your calendar for June 3-6, 2010, and plan to attend Alumni College and Reunion Weekend. Visit www.umw.edu/alumni for Reunion updates throughout the coming months.

Terry Cosgrove

Wet fall weather didn't dampen the spirits of UMW alumni and friends celebrating Homecoming Oct. 17 under the tent in front of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Karen Pearlman

A Legacy Reception was held during Family Weekend for UMW alumni parents or grandparents with currently enrolled students. Sitting on the porch of Kalnen Inn are Susan Still Protich '76 and son Samuel Protich '10.

Terry Cosgrove

The Homecoming 2009 rugby game was rowsing – and muddy!

Class Notes

Classes featuring the Reunion Weekend logo have upcoming reunion celebrations.

1936

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As a 90-year-old Tweeter, I am trying to learn to be brief. On March 26, I attended a reception for Judy G. Hample at the Hilton in Old Town Alexandria. My companions for this lovely event were: **Anne Radway '63** and **Lundy Baker Updike '76** (Lundy's son, Jim, entered UMW this fall.) We enjoyed the company of the CEO of the UMW Foundation, Jeff Rountree, who joined us at our table.

Frances Crump leads an active life at Goodwin House in Alexandria. She is in super good health and still plays the violin. **Betty Johnson Studebaker** is as cheerful as ever. She has five children, 15 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren – with another on the way. **Eva Catafygiotu Topping** and I have frequent phone chats about the many things we shared and gratefully still remember. Life would indeed be dull without **Edith Patterson Breeden**'s letters about life in northeast California. We'll never forget that she drove her ancient VW 'bug' across country to attend our 50th reunion. That was 18 years ago, and she is still driving it! Have enjoyed hearing from folks who graduated before and after 1941. **Ruby Lee Norris '36** was recently honored in Middlesex County, Va. **Elizabeth Alexander Howdershell '39** is now living in Richmond. **Jennifer Hunt Rondon '81** is planning a trip to South America.

Lois Loehr Brown '41 is using Twitter at age 90.

Condolences were sent to the family of **Janet Smith Whitaker,** who died on March 25, 2009, at her home in Jacksonville, Fla. She is survived by her husband, her son, a granddaughter, and a grandson. Janet's family home was in Fredericksburg when she attended Mary Washington.

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Virginia Bennett Skillman
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Any news? Please – I'll take any kind! Would you believe when we were attending MWC that we would LIVE this long? I still have great memories. I'd love for you to send me yours.

1943

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Christine Vasser Crute, Jean Flemer DeShazo, Annette Van Ingen Dew, Nettie Evans Lawery, Virginia McCartney Newcomb, Jean Wade Otte and **Ruth McDaniel Potts** had a great time at our 65th reunion, and all said that the campus couldn't have looked more beautiful. The luncheon was served in a huge tent, put up between Virginia and Willard halls, and it was certainly enjoyed by all on a beautiful day. All seven attended our class meeting. Some enjoyed a "sightseeing" tour around campus by cart, shopping in the bookstore, and visiting with each other. **Virginia Newcomb** had two grandchildren with her. News included that Monroe Hall is being renovated; Willard seems to be the choice dormitory; and beer and wine were offered under the tent! Also, our class was second in annual giving and we had 57 donors, which made 39 percent participation. Great!

Jean Flemer had been in contact with **Nancy Gravatt Tucker, Virginia Hawley Butler, Jane Brownley Thomas, Fran Tracy,** and **Dot Woodson Baber,** who has had three surgeries. She also heard that **Nancy Duval Andrews** has had some surgery. **Isabel Hildrup Klein** and Bob have left their big house. They went to granddaughter Robin's wedding last year. This year she received a doctorate from Yale and was to start a job in Washington, D.C., in September. Grandson Shawn is an assistant district attorney and planned to marry this fall. Isabelle and Bob are each doing pretty well as octogenarians, as we all are!

Anna Roberts Ware wrote that she is too busy, has too many doctor appointments, and had too much rain. All the corn and soybeans were growing, she said, and, since she was surrounded by corn fields, she was ready with her allergy pills. **Libby Phillips Roe** and her husband, Bill, visit Anna sometimes, and she said it is a treat.

Mary Ellen Gardiner Starkey's daughter, Pam, earned her college degree, so all seven of her children have graduated from college. She visited her daughter, MaryAnn, earlier this year in Florida. Son Don still runs Ledo's Restaurant (which is very good!) in La Plata, Md., and his daughter, Stephanie, planned to marry in November. Mary Ellen's son, Greg, travels around the world with the National Security Agency.

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman '47 said that reading Bill Crawley's book about the first 100 years at Mary Washington College makes her want to sign up all over again.

I didn't get to the reunion because of a granddaughter's wedding on the same day. Hank always looks forward to going to the reunion, but the wedding was beautiful and special. That was only our second grandchild to marry so far.

Hank was diagnosed with prostate cancer, but has endured his radiation treatments well and is getting back to his old self. We are still involved with church but gave up our band this year and our train trip through Canada. We are thinking, "next year"! Since we weren't at the class meeting, I remain Class Agent. I have enjoyed it and hope more people will give me more information. Have a great year!

1945 Reunion Weekend

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1947

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Have you read Dr. Crawley's book about the first 100 years at Mary Washington College? I am currently reading Chapter 4, The Anderson Era – 1983-2006. It is so interesting to read; it makes me want to sign up all over again! Contact UMW Bookstore to order a copy. Keep those cards, letters, and emails coming with happenings or reminiscences you want to share.

1948

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Nina Giera Schmidt sailed out of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in April, bound for the Panama Canal and on to San Diego, Calif. Other than bad knees and back, she is doing well, playing a good game of golf, but "youngsters" seem to be capturing the major tournament wins. She feels the state of the nation is sad and hopes we live long enough to see some improvement. Still a violin teacher in Mansfield, Ohio, **Elva Welday Newdome**

has 22 pupils and an adult class of past pupils. She attributes much of her musical success to Mary Washington's fine music department, college orchestra, and teachers, especially Mr. Faulkner. Both of her daughters teach violin, one in Northampton, Mass., where she has a quartet, and one at FSU where she is in the Inman Trio. Her son owns the family business, recently awarded Small Business of the Year by the local Chamber of Commerce.

Anne Barnes Baugh worked hard for President Obama and for Mark Warner for senator, and she still works out at Gold's Gym, is involved in the League of Women Voters and Daughters of the American Revolution, and volunteers at the White House. She is positive that things will improve, albeit slowly. Last year she had a great trip to Chile, Argentina, and Brazil, followed by a visit with family in Sacramento, Calif. Anne's daughter is a school district administrator on Long Island, N.Y., one son is a doctor in Fairfax, Va., and another is a radiologist technician in Corvallis, Ore.

Anne Barnes Baugh '48 worked hard for President Obama and for Mark Warner for senator, and she still works out at Gold's Gym, is involved in the League of Women Voters and Daughters of the American Revolution, and volunteers at the White House.

Last fall **Charlotte Smith Hill** and her daughter's family traveled to Nova Scotia to visit her son and family. It was ironic that after all the Gulf Coast hurricanes she had dealt with in Hattiesburg, Miss., they had to shorten their N.S. visit to miss a hurricane predicted for the area. However, they used their extra time to visit beautiful Acadia National Park at its peak of fall color.

Marie Adams Griffith sold her condo in Conway, S.C., and moved into an independent living facility in Silver Spring, Md., to be near her children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She loves her new Sunrise Senior Living facility and is healthy and active.

Byrd Stone Helguera enjoys lifelong learning classes, weekly jazz, a writing group, a book group, Vanderbilt basketball, and reading, though not much travel. She said the state of the economy is frightening, but she is very impressed by President Obama. She hopes for peace in the Mid-East and a regaining of world respect.

How many more accolades can **Lois Saunier Hornsby** have showered upon her? Selected for her tenacious leadership in desegregating the public schools, she has had a school named for her in Williamsburg, Va., quite an honor indeed. She became an education advocate because the subject was close to her heart; her family had been very much involved in education, and she wanted better access for all students, regardless of race.

Still tap dancing at 80-plus, **Jane McCullough Smallwood** is doing 12 to 15 shows this year with her Wright Tappers. Last summer, she and her husband cruised the Danube from Bucharest to Budapest, and this winter she will go on the first-ever Regional Bridge Tournament at Sea, a cruise in the Caribbean.

Sandy Graves Shiflett wrote that **Mabs Royar Loflin** is receiving articles from a number of you, and hopefully they will be made available to all of us after Sandy completes a change of address.

We have just returned from a truly beautiful cruise from Rome to Northern Italy and Monaco, Barcelona, Tangiers, Lisbon, Bilbao, and Bordeaux before landing at Dover, which allowed for an overnight in London and a smashing play. But there was no magic carpet, and if you haven't traveled outside the country lately, you have no idea what it does to an 80-year-old body!

Still tap dancing at 80-plus, Jane McCullough Smallwood '48 is doing 12 to 15 shows this year with her Wright Tappers.

All of which brings me to say that I have had the wonderful pleasure and honor of writing these notes to you for 15 years and now know more of you and/or more about you than I did 65 years ago. I think my turn is up, and I hope someone else will volunteer to take over this happy job. You could either contact the alumni office at UMW or write me, and I will pass on the information that you are willing. I plan to do one more column, so please send me some news before Nov. 15. By then I hope there will be another '48er bringing you our class news. I have loved doing it! My very best to each of you.

1949

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Twenty-six classmates converged on Marye's Hilltop to celebrate our 60th Reunion. **Ardith "Ardy" Jeffries Zwiener** came from Austin, Texas. Her husband, Lonnie, an attorney, died in 2005. Their four sons, two of whom are medical doctors, all earned advanced degrees. Ardy worked for the Drug Enforcement Agency in Austin, and until she retired in 1994 was a background investigator for the Department of Defense. She recalled the fun of being a drum majorette in the marching band, working with Dr. Shankle in editing his novel about MWC, *Old Sisters*, keeping in touch over the years with a former professor who inspired her to major in English literature, and ongoing friendships with roommate **Barbara Green Connell** and **Virginia Felt Brown '50**, who joined her for Reunion Weekend.

Three classmates came from various points in Florida. **Gwen Brubaker Connell** arrived from Fort Myers where she and husband Jack, now retired, enjoy their four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Gwen, a retired real estate broker, enjoys the computer, needlework, reading, antiques, and collecting Czech glass. She is grateful for good health and the year-round outdoor activities of Florida, especially golf. Gwen left us in junior year to marry Jack, but says MWC made a lasting impression, and she treasures each memory.

Martha J. Coleman's niece not only persuaded Martha to attend reunion, she came with her and seemed to enjoy the activities. Martha, a music major and honor graduate, furthered her studies abroad and is a graduate of the Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts in Vienna, of the Mozarteum in Salzburg, and of the Interpreters Institute of Munich. After an active career as an opera singer in Austria and Germany, she returned to New York where she worked with the founder of Columbia Artists Management and as an artist manager for CBS. She later became an artist representative with Shaw Concerts, where she managed such artists as Vladimir Horowitz, Jessye Norman, and numerous others. Now retired and living in Atlantic Beach, she is known for her "musical soirees to showcase local and foreign artists." Martha is grateful for having had the opportunity to study music and perform on many occasions at Mary Washington. One of her favorite memories is of being asked when she was a junior by the Class of '48 to sing at their baccalaureate.

Betty Lou Shelhorse Rogers lost Edward, her husband of 56 years, in March. In her sorrow, she said, the love and support of her five sons, their wives, and her three brothers sustained her. We offer our heartfelt sympathy. Betty Lou returned to her hometown of Fredericksburg from Naples, Fla., for Reunion Weekend, and again her brothers and their families were there for her. One of her sisters-in-law brought her to Brompton during the Friday reception, and they returned for a short stay at the picnic on Saturday, where we had the opportunity for a quiet visit. Betty Lou's fondest memories of Mary Washington are of her friends – who are still dear to her – and riding and showing

her horse, Champion, during senior year. Though her lifetime of riding was halted by doctor's orders a few years ago, her sister-in-law confided that Betty Lou's brother planned to put her aboard his horse during her stay, even if just for a memorable moment.

After serious health issues and heart surgery, **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les arrived from Stone Mountain, Ga., and both looked the picture of health. Fully recovered, Jackie is grateful for a happy 39-year marriage. She and Les enjoy retirement, their children, and grandchildren. Jackie is devoted to her church work, choir, organ, and her 21-year discipline in the Ikenobo school of Japanese floral art.

Jane Yeatman Spangler drove from Concord, N.C., and **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** came from Lynchburg, to Lexington, Va., to overnight with **Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols** before all three departed for reunion. **Dorothy "Dottie" Booker Pinkham** was headed from Montpelier, Vt., to Fredericksburg, as were **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** and husband Fred from Haddonfield, N.J. Fred delivered Chot, completing the quartet of BFFs, then headed to his daughter's in Northern Virginia. Jane, Betty Bond, Dottie, and Chot – the faithful foursome – have attended every reunion together, all 12 of them over 60 years, an admirable record!

B.B.'s favorite memories included playing "Begin the Beguine" about a zillion times for **Barbara Watson Barden**'s interpretive tapping, Dr. Cabrera's musical offerings, and life in the dorms. Above all, B.B. said, her years at MWC influenced her life in the most special way by giving her those three special friends she has loved for 60 years.

Joyce Hamilton Eisler and husband Joseph, both retired, came to reunion from Lansdale, Pa. They are blessed with good health, two sons, a daughter, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Joyce, a former legal secretary, plays bridge and volunteers in the gift shop of their retirement community. Her cherished memories include wonderful professors, entertaining dates in the parlor (gates locked at 11 p.m.), and the ongoing friendships of classmates.

After an active career as an opera singer in Austria and Germany, Martha J. Coleman '49 returned to New York where she worked with the founder of Columbia Artists Management and as an artist manager for CBS.

Lavinia Ash Stuart and Margaret "Peggy" Walton Mason both arrived from Bethesda, Md., and **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** and husband Claude came from Baltimore.

Sadly, Peggy lost her husband in 2004. She is in good health and still lives in her home of 57 years. She has two sons; a daughter, **Pamela Ann Mason '74**; and three grown grandchildren. Her interests include church, community volunteering, senior center trips, exercise class, knitting club, and reading. A native of Connecticut, Peggy thought she was in the Deep South when she came to school in Fredericksburg! She appreciates Mary Washington for her certification as a secondary teacher, which led to her teaching career in both high school and nursery school. She feels her training in psychology helped in rearing her family, too. Her favorite memories include meeting new friends, dorm life, most classes, and the beautiful campus.

Anne and Claude were on a waiting list for a preferred retirement village, and had their home listed for sale. After graduation, Anne continued studies at the universities of North Carolina and Pennsylvania. She had a full career in social work and foster care, coinciding with Claude's long-time duties as director of the Methodist Board of Child Care. Anne's interests include the League of Women Voters, church, community, politics, environment, and government. No longer able to ride horses, she has settled for riding her bicycle. Her many memories of Mary Washington involve close friends and "the silly things they did," cavalry, Dr. Darden, Devil-Goat Day, and "the Virginia Creeper!"

The Midwest was represented by transplanted Virginian **June Davis McCormick**, who flew into Richmond from St. Louis, picked up a rental car, and arrived Thursday afternoon. June established a music scholarship in memory of her sister, Evelyn Knight, whose love and generosity afforded June her education at Mary Washington, and in honor of our 60th Reunion.

The majority of returning classmates came from Virginia. **Judy Stone Johnstone** and husband Bob came from Melfa, Va., on the Eastern Shore. Married 60 years, they spent most of their working life in the Midwest before returning to their Virginia roots. Their three daughters and seven grandchildren all are college graduates with advanced degrees and varied professions. Judy is grateful for the well-rounded education she received at MWC; the balanced curriculum inspired her many interests including music, bridge, crossword puzzles, travel, and reading. Judy also enjoys knitting, sewing, and volunteering.

The faithful four '49ers – Jane Yeatman Spangler, Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols, Dorothy "Dottie" Booker Pinkham, and Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon – have attended every reunion together for more than 60 years.

Elizabeth "Liz" Barnes Hornsby, a retired teacher, also came from the Eastern Shore. Her husband, B.K., passed away in 2006, just weeks before one of her two daughters, Susan, succumbed to cancer. Liz now has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to spoil. Liz finds comfort in staying busy with bridge, golf, travel, and crabbing off her dock in Harborton, Va. Every week, in season, she mows her eight-acre spread on her Bob Cat zero-turn mower, which she has placed at the top of her best-friends list; she whips around that acreage in three-and-a-half hours and hasn't gotten a speeding ticket yet!

Christine "Tina" Dunnavant Ridgwell arrived from Norfolk to observe our 60th, accompanied by her lovely daughter, **Linda Ridgwell Church '79**, who joined her large group in celebrating their 30th. When **Margaret Mann Umphlett** checked in from Suffolk, we were delighted to remove her name from our "missing" list – use of her first name, Sara, had caused the mistake. **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** and husband Fred came up the road from Hampton to join the festivities. Erma was co-chair for our reunion fundraising, together with **Dolores "Dee" Ross**, who lives in Kilmarnock, Va. During the weekend, Dee learned of the passing of another dear friend and classmate, **Theresa Marie Saunders** of Tappahannock. Also a retired educator, Theresa died in December.

We learned of the death of **Elinor Platt Levy** last year in Raleigh, N.C., from her dear friend **Martha Coleman**. We know Teresa and Elinor are sadly missed by their families and friends.

Harriet "Scotty" Scott Brockenbrough came from Mechanicsville. Her mother was in the first class that graduated from the original State Normal School in Fredericksburg, and Harriet's older sister, **Martha Scott Rogers '44**, preceded Scotty at MWC. Scotty lost her husband, Ben, in 2005, the result of a tragic accident while they were on a cruise. She often visits her four sons and their families, her pride and comfort. Scotty sews original, decorative flags, and she volunteers at her church food pantry and at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired in Richmond.

Still unpacking boxes after moving from Charlottesville to an apartment in Fairfax, Va., **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** was reunion co-chair. Betty lost her husband, Herschel, a physician, in 1989. They had two sons and two daughters, and Betty is the grandmother of six. She is retired from teaching and, after two successful knee replacements, is ready to travel! She continues

her water color painting, attends workshops, and learns new techniques. The one-time art major is also a docent at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. Betty fondly recalls trying to avoid Mrs. B. when wearing rolled-up jeans – under a raincoat – en route to class.

Co-chair **Mary Elwang Sharpley** drove from Charlottesville without the usual company of her dear friend, Betty. Mary also was widowed many years ago. She has three daughters, "four wonderful grandchildren," and her love of reading and the arts to keep her busy. Mary said, "Life has been wonderful to me and I am enjoying every minute of it!"

Lucille "Tudie" Pope Midyette attended the reunion from Ashland, Va., her beloved hometown of 50 years. Tudie and husband James, who passed away in 2001, had two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. Tudie, a retired kindergarten teacher, is delighted that one grandson is a classic pianist. Her younger sister, **Carol Pope Howerton '56**, followed Trudie to our alma mater. Trudie has been a volunteer at the Science Museum for 20 years and serves at the Ashland Visitors Center. She enjoys church, garden club, golf, two bridge clubs, and theater. She remembers enjoying the scenic beauty of the Mary Washington campus and having to learn the names of 100 of its trees!

Gingerly Crafting a Profession

When **Lee Walker Shepherd '84** studied art at Mary Washington, she had no idea where her love of design would take her. Little did she know she would end up in the kitchen and in supermarkets as the creator of edible architecture.

Shepherd makes gingerbread houses. Not just any gingerbread houses. This Norfolk, Va., resident is the creator of Gingerhaus®, a patent-pending baking panel system that negates the need for sticky icing as glue and enables an average household to easily bake and assemble a professional gingerbread house. Gingerhaus kits come with gingerbread mix, decorations, and vellum windows, which can be lighted from within, and the finished product smells and tastes like gingerbread.

Since college, Shepherd has enjoyed an artistic career that has incorporated photography, art direction, sculpture, book illustration, art gallery management, film and toy development, and marketing. She has worked for Hamilton Beach, The Virginia Diner, The Smithsonian, the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Virginia Air and Space Center, and the Junior Leagues of Norfolk-Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads.

Frustration led Shepherd to found Gingerhaus three years ago, and now it has become her passion and her livelihood. After seeing beautiful, magical gingerbread houses in nearby Williamsburg, Shepherd and her two children – now teens – tried to duplicate the efforts at home. All attempts ended up as caved-in messes, and Shepherd began applying her artistic background to baking. With Gingerhaus, the gingerbread dough bakes around – and hides – design templates, which later are assembled to create sturdy, beautiful houses.

Shepherd's product line is expanding and includes a gingerbread chalet, an Easter Haus, a Halloween Haus, gingerbread boys, and accessories. Gingerhaus was just featured on the *Today Show* by The Food Network's Giada De Laurentis, who chose the product as her favorite at the Metropolitan Cooking Show. Also, Gingerhaus had a presence in June at the 55th Summer Fancy Food Show in New York City. "It has been an extraordinary experience to be part of the food world," said Shepherd, who formerly maintained an art studio called Indigo and still paints and illustrates when she has the time.

Gingerhaus has been featured in such stores as The Fresh Market, Sur La Table, Whole Foods (a new all-natural kit), the Toymaker, and COSTCO, and on Amazon.com. Shepherd employs her husband, retired Navy pilot John Michael Shepherd, and her brother. She enjoys assistance in her home office from daughter Dana and son Craig.

Mort Fryman/*The Virginian-Pilot*

Lee Walker Shepherd helps home bakers make beautiful gingerbread houses that stay intact.

Her Virginia-made kits feature packaging from Staunton and gingerbread mix from Ashland; everything is collated and shipped from Norfolk and Harrisonburg.

Having enjoyed all aspects of art from a young age, Shepherd wanted to attend an art school instead of a liberal arts college. Her mother, **Dana Lee Dunn Walker '61**, insisted on Mary Washington for its excellent departments of English, math, physics, and history. Now, Shepherd has to admit her mother was right. "It's really the physics that makes our Gingerhaus products unique. I needed the English I studied for all the promotional writing I do, and the math for the business side." She added, "the broad background I received at Mary Washington has given me the foundation I needed to thrive in business."

At Mary Washington, Shepherd took a variety of art courses. "Joe Di Bella made a big impact on my life," she said, recalling her UMW art professor. "He encouraged a crossover from graphic arts to fine art. He was big on letting us explore, and I worked in every medium as a studio art major." She gives Di Bella credit for teaching her how to develop her interests to create a varied yet connected career in art and design.

"As a fine artist, graphic designer, and businesswoman, my educational foundation, world travel, and diverse business connections have given me extraordinary opportunities," Shepherd said. "Interesting, though, it was my most influential and favorite career – motherhood – that inspired the invention of Gingerhaus."

– Sarah Pierson

Phyllis Link Atkins might have walked up Sunken Road or College Avenue from her home in Fredericksburg to reunion. Phyl is retired after 35 years teaching, but she still is involved in her family real estate business. She has two sons.

So, from far and near, the Fabulous '49ers convened to observe what was – unbelievably – our 60th Reunion. We answered the questionnaire with individual memories of MWC – the beauty of the campus, stately halls, outstanding professors, mentors, dorm life, fun, and the unified remembrance of the regal dignity of Lady B. – but the No. 1 gift treasured by all is friendship – the lifelong kind fostered by Mary Washington.

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First and foremost, a plea from me: If you did not get an email from me asking for news, then I don't have your current email address. Since I'd like to include news from all of you, please email me with your correct information.

Sad news from **Peggy Hopkins Johnson**. Her husband, Dick, passed away in July, after struggling for several years with bad health. He had gone to an assisted living home soon before he passed, where they were making a career of spoiling him. Many of us in the Class of '53 might not have survived at MWC without dear Dick's watchful eye and wonderful sense of humor

In an earlier email from Peg, she described staying busy with the Mary Washington ElderStudy organization, a local branch of Elderhostel. To ensure that she's on the go at least 20 of the day's 24 hours, she plays tennis, bridge in two clubs, and poker and Tripoley with a group every Saturday night. She and her sister travel together frequently. Most recently, they spent a couple of weeks cruising from Miami to the Panama Canal.

Ginny Bailes spent lots of time in her yard and extensive garden over the summer. She could easily have her very own farmers market!

Betty Roper says her life is so boring that it's like watching paint dry. Who of us would have ever dreamed we would be able to make that statement when we were racing to class, drowsing in the browsing room at Trinkle instead of studying, and carefully watching our manners in Seacobeck? Betty says her grandbabies keep her reasonably awake and functioning.

Salisbury University counts on **Garnett Bell Crawford** and Norm to lead cheers for the lacrosse teams. They travel to nearly all the away games, and the players have adopted Garnett as their mascot. She enjoyed a visit from **Carol Smith Boyes**, who with husband Bill took a three-week trip out West. Garnett occasionally hears from **Sherry Butler** and recently learned that **Carolyn Keck Redic**'s husband, Jim, died after spending a couple of years in a nursing home.

Nell McCoy Savopoulos wrote that several years ago, she and Mike visited their son, David, and his wife in Gurgaon, India. David was one of three Americans recruited by an Indian "bajillionnare," Nell said, to develop a new airline to serve the growing middle class. He and his wife have had a "wonderful/terrible/educational" experience living there. Nell reports that no picture does justice to the Taj Mahal; India is a land of such contrasts it defies description.

Deigh Renn Simpson writes that watching the shuttle launch in early spring was quite an experience – especially hearing everyone on the beach shouting "go, go, go" as it flew into the light of the sunset. She traveled to Texas in August to attend the wedding of a great-nephew. She is "spending time reducing the necessary to as little time and effort as possible while deciding what to put in the rest of the time slots."

In late spring, I had a wonderful message from **Betty Roper** with an attachment from the Roanoke Times announcing **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenschain**'s retirement as organist, choir director, and more. It was a glowing article, and well-deserved. Kitty is surely gifted with a magnificent talent and a magnanimous spirit.

My Bob and I still enjoy getting away and seeing the sights, but after our last two pleasure jaunts, we may decide we're better off here, gazing at the Blue Ridge. In January, we spent a wonderful week with relatives on Sanibel Island. When we arrived back at the Charlottesville airport, Bob fell backward on the up escalator, landing on ME! It sounds worse than it turned out to be – two scars on the back of his head with the imprint of the escalator treads, and a few bruised ribs for me. In June we were at the Outer Banks of North Carolina with Chip and his family. Bob twisted his back while there, and his orthopedist warned against playing tennis, an "impact" sport. To that, another doctor told Bob, "I've seen you play tennis, and the way your group plays, it's not an impact sport!" Our oldest daughter, Anne, has been living with us since November, and it's kind of neat to get a real look at how one of your kids turns out. She brought two cats and a dog to join our two mutts, and there's never a dull moment!

Be sure to put me on your Christmas card list and send lots of news.

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Well, our 55th is history. It was good. We look terrific! Our alma mater did a great job of planning and caring for us. More than one person has told me they thought it was the best yet, so: "Thank you, UMW." Thanks, too, to our own team for all their time, brains, and brawn – they hauled sodas, wine, mostly healthy snacks, fruit, etc., there and brought it home again, since we were fed so well. I'm sorry so many of you missed the fun. Special best wishes to those of you who couldn't come because of health issues. We had 21 alumni plus some husbands, a super son, and a lovely granddaughter. Nice group, although it should have been bigger; next time, mark your calendars!

Everyone enjoyed chatting and looking at various photo albums and **Helen Wilbur Vogel**'s scrapbook in our big hospitality room at the motel. Someone produced an edict from Ruby C. Harris, Dean of Women, stating, "If you are wearing shirts you must wear your shirt-tail inside your skirt. It is unbecoming to college women." Well, it looks better on some of us now.

Helen and I went a day early to participate in the "College Without Quizzes" lectures, which were excellent. "College Without Quizzes" is open to everyone, so I might sign up next year also and highly recommend it to you. How about a mini-reunion?

Without exception, I believe, everyone is STILL awed by the beauty of the campus and the splendid new buildings fit right in. Can you believe that Willard is a senior dorm and the most desirable! It's the center of everything.

Everyone was supposed to write me a note for this issue. The following covers the ones I received plus some gleanings from phone calls and other notes and chatter.

Caroline Hatfield Psaltis '13, granddaughter of **Pat Hatfield Mayer** and Donald, is a freshman at Mary Washington. Her mother, Leslie, and aunt Kathleen are both graduates of their Mom's alma mater. Pat is still busy with the DAR. She has just spent a week at a hotel in D.C. to avoid the rush hour traffic while attending its 118th Congress. Donald accompanied Pat to the reunion and played golf with Paul Judy, who accompanied his wife, **Mary Ann Dorsey Judy**. Pat and Donald's granddaughter, who works in North Carolina, joined

them for the weekend. Having spent the cold months in Florida, they planned to go to Nantucket for the summer.

Betty Lou Maier Irwin was to spend the summer in Nantucket, Mass., too. She discovered two more MWC graduates who live there and planned to look them up over the summer. Betty Lou was visiting **Edith Moody Sheffield** prior to the reunion. Edith's husband is fully retired, but they still had been too busy for a vacation.

Pat Swain-Holzberlein still participates in active sports and has four dogs and a cat. She really enjoyed visiting with the gang at the reunion, is proud of how well everyone handles whatever comes into their lives, and thinks it would be nice if we could get together more often.

Lillian Figueroa Caussade visited her oldest son, Anibal, in Melbourne, Fla. He made all of the arrangements and brought her to the reunion. We thought he was a terrific sport and thank him for bringing her. Lily has been a widow since 2000 and divides the year between Florida and Puerto Rico where her youngest son, Hector, is a science teacher.

Betty Bartz Bradford and her husband, Wally, attended reunion and were about to celebrate their 53rd anniversary with a trip to Bermuda. They planned to be in Hawaii in early November and to return home in time to greet their second great-grandchild in December. They welcome visitors to the Philadelphia area, have a guest room, and will show you around.

Carole Heer Farrell and her husband, Ron, were at reunion and celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have 11 grandchildren and are very proud of the oldest, a soldier who has served in Korea, Iraq, and Afghanistan. We wish him a safe return. Carole and Ron live in Rehoboth, Del., and you are invited to call if you are near, but not in July or August, when they head to a less crowded spot in New England.

Marcia Craddock Frank and husband Arlen came all the way from Louisiana for reunion. They survived 52 inches of water from Katrina, and, thanks to FEMA, have a mostly new house. They spent a month in Australia last spring, including a family reunion with Arlen's family. Their oldest granddaughter graduated summa cum laude from LSU in June. Seven grandchildren to go – five girls, two boys, and the youngest is 7.

Edwina Wright Blankenbaker came to reunion for the day on Saturday. She and Walter were to celebrate their 55th anniversary in June. They have three daughters who live in North Carolina, a son in the Northern Neck of Virginia, and four grandchildren. They are grateful to have good health and be able to enjoy their second home in Kilmarnock, Va.

Toula Drogaris Fotopoulos' daughter, Vicki, also an alumna, brought her mother to reunion on Saturday, and she's so glad she went. Her calls included **Meechi Yokogawa Hotta** in Japan, who was shocked but sounds the same. She's well and happy after being under the weather for a couple of years due to a fall. She does volunteer work, and she has two sons – one in Tokyo, and the other in Michigan. She plans to come to the States in the fall and told Toula she would come to D.C. on the way to Michigan. We will certainly try to get a group together for that occasion.

"Babs" Wilson Taliaferro-Potter came from Florida for reunion and stayed with **Linda LeHardy Sweet** in Fredericksburg. Linda's husband is not well, but she came with Babs on Friday for the reception at Brompton, class dinner, and our "meeting." **Jean Armstrong** (New Jersey!), **Susan Quelch Bass**, **Helen Hodges Conte** (says no new news), and **Nancy Hoffman Eidman** and Fred were also there. **Elizabeth "Betsy" McNeal Brann** came on Saturday. **Nancy Root Skinner** couldn't come, but several of us talked with her on Betsy's cell phone at the picnic lunch on Saturday.

"Bootsie" Simpson Johnson thought it was the "best yet" reunion. She continues to enjoy her grandchildren who are nearby. The 17-year-old is now looking at colleges.

Helen Vogel spent an enjoyable Elderhostel week at Chatauqua in June. Her fourth annual visit, the morning program this time was "Explore Our World with National Geographic" with a different photographer speaking daily. One night she and Mary Ann Dorsey Judy were startled to meet each other in the hotel. The Judys were en route to Nantucket.

Mary Jean Gary Jones was unable to attend but sent good wishes to all. She and Gordon are well and happy and have moved to Omaha to be closer to their oldest daughter. They have three married children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Mary Lou Puller Griggs wrote: "Please extend my best wishes to my 'sister' classmates, I am truly sorry that I will miss being with you."

Georgiana Spillman Stillman couldn't come because she and her husband were about to embark on a 35-day cruise to Iceland, Greenland, Scotland, Ireland, etc. They have two sons: one is a minister in York and the other lives in Southern Maryland. One daughter lives in Mississippi with the grandchildren – a girl, 10, and a boy, 6. "Georgie" is a member of the Bionic Women Club, having had two hip surgeries, one of which coincided with our 50th reunion.

Carolyn Osborne Jenkins counted a whopping 54-plus entries in a recent '69 Class Notes and wants our class to get on the ball! She and Bob have recently retired, along with two large dogs, to Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. They lived on what seemed like a construction site for almost six months, but now, she said, the house is perfect for them. The one-square-mile town – population 4,000 people and 1,000 dogs – is beautiful and situated on the Pacific shoreline. The houses originally had names but no street numbers, and that continues today. "Our address is 9th House SW of Mountain View Avenue on Crespi Avenue, and our house name is Capriccio, the same name I used for my café in San Francisco for 10 years. This form of address is very easy once you know north and south and can count up to 10." Carolyn and Bob didn't come to our reunion because they were hosting 17 for several days for a Jenkins family reunion.

A very bad case of poison ivy kept **Ann Payne Long** home from reunion. By mid-July, it still wasn't clear! In addition, by the time you read this, she was supposed to have undergone back surgery. We hope she's all better.

Wilma French, who missed our 50th because of back surgery, was feeling fine and excited about coming this year until her doctor diagnosed her with lupus and started treatment immediately. We wish her well.

Lucy-Mae Redman Munger emailed that she is a "guilty classmate" who doesn't write, but immediately goes to class news when she gets her magazine to read about our classmates. She couldn't make reunion, but said all is going well with her and Bruce after 54 years of marriage, three children and their spouses, and eight grandchildren. The couple moved to Massachusetts to be near son Bruce and daughter Carrie, and they provide support for the five grandchildren in the area. They travel to California to see daughter Pamela and her family.

I am sad to report that **Dorothy Spencer Krucz** died on Dec. 20, 2008, in Tennessee. Her daughter, Mary Lucy, called in response to reunion recruitment messages. We extend our deep sympathy to the family.

The blame for bothering each of you by phone is on the shoulders of Helen Vogel and "Bootsie" Johnson. The seven callers – the aforementioned, Helen Conte, Pat Mayer, Toula Fotopoulos, "Lewie" Long, and I – all enjoyed our visits with you. Next deadline is November. Notes from everyone please!

1965 Reunion Weekend

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I didn't get as much news as usual, so I am presuming that the past summer was a real bummer. I know the whole year was pretty much a loss for everyone, especially in California. If you read my last newsletter you know that I was expecting my daughter and family to move down. It didn't work out that way with all the teacher layoffs, job layoffs, and housing disasters.

So I have my granddaughter and my granddog living with me: one a teenager and one a black Lab. The teenager keeps me on my toes mentally, the dog keeps me moving daily, and the state of California keeps me entertained because the legislature seems to be composed of comedians and buffoons. Enough of the dog and pony show and on to more interesting subjects: I started with news I received in April up to the deadline, and I thank all of you who sent me information.

Ann Dunaway Criswell requested former roommate **Mary Kate Bird Dellett**'s address, as she had lost contact with her. Ann and her husband extended their stay in California this spring due to her two surgeries in eight weeks. Once she was better, they planned to fly to Virginia for their spring/summer/early-fall stint there. She was sorry to have missed Virginia Garden Week. The mystery of **Charlotte Fisher Klapproth**'s "going to the dogs" story is solved. She and her husband went to Baltimore to dog sit for their daughter and husband while they attended a funeral. She said, "As usual the dog was no trouble." Baltimore may be going to the dogs, but they aren't there to witness it as they are enjoying living in the lower part of Delaware. They planned a road trip to Cincinnati to meet up with two couples they met on European riverboat cruises, a summer trip in their RV (depending on the weather), and camping on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Charlotte still sews with the craft group and the quilting group at church. Since 2003, the quilters have produced 6,000 larger-than-lap quilts for the cancer patients at the hospital in Lewes!

Coralyn White McGeehan wrote to relate the death of **Jackie Woodall Jones** last May. Jackie was married to the brother of **Barbara Jones Black**.

Diane Farans Green's husband passed away last year and things are difficult for her right now. Still, she said, she was lucky to have had 52 good years with a good man. We send our sympathy. Diane planned to paint half of her house over the summer; it was too expensive to do the whole place. She has three sons, two daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren, one of whom will graduate from high school next year. Diane is trying to get her interested in UMW, as she thinks it would be the right school for her.

Class of '55 classmates Frances Pruden Allen and Nancy Rakes Moorcones were roommates in 1951 and 1952, and they have continued their friendship for 58 years. They have spent time together each summer on the coast of North Carolina.

Joan Kleinknecht sent a brief note celebrating the end of a long rainy season. **Sally Hanger Moravitz**, who lives in the D.C. area, had a "gab fest lunch" with **Mary Kate Bird Dellitt**, and **Colleen O'Rear Lewis**. Sally and her husband went on a Mediterranean cruise in June and celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in a gondola with musicians in Venice. Three weeks before her cruise, she discovered a cancerous lump in her breast and made plans for surgery after her trip. Now doing fine, she was thankful it was found early. She was to get the final word on a radiation treatment early in July. She also said that life happens when you are busy doing something else. Final note: Sally has a legacy! Her nephew's son was scheduled to start UMW this fall.

Virginia Marco Hancock enjoyed reading the spring issue of *UMW Magazine*. She was impressed with President Judy Hample and her vision for UMW, and she enjoyed the article about the Afghan women at the university. Virginia spent only two years at Mary Washington but still feels very attached and proud. She continues with community activities centered around trees, the arts, and local history. This year, New York celebrated the quadricentennial of Henry Hudson's sailing up the Hudson River, so there are lots of activities happening all over the state.

From Wisconsin, **Betsy Land Johnson** emailed that she, her husband, four children, and seven of their eight grandchildren spent a week at Sanibel Island off the coast at Fort Myers, Fla., in late June. They had great weather, swimming pools, the Gulf for water activities, loads of bike trails, and tasty ice cream shops. They planned a week at Cape Cod in late July, which she said would give her her fill of "seafood trips."

Frances Pruden Allen and **Nancy Rakes Moorcones** were roommates in 1951 and 1952, and they have continued their friendship for 58 years. Both were married in the same year and were in each other's weddings. They've both had five children. Nancy is the grandmother of 12; Fran is the grandmother of six plus two greats. Nancy has stayed in and around Leesburg, Va., and Fran has moved several times in North Carolina, retiring to Ocean Isle Beach. They have spent time together each summer on the coast of North Carolina.

Debbie Bodkin Emerson wrote that her mother, **Ann Nuckols Bodkin**, passed away in March of 2006. Debbie and her mother attended the 50th reunion and they both had a wonderful time. Debbie enjoyed meeting her mother's dear college friends whom she had heard so much about.

Get out your calendars for 2010 – we will be celebrating our 55th reunion the weekend of June 4 to 6! The note I got from the alumni association says that the weekend's new format provides enhanced opportunities for classes to get together, as well as ample time to tour the campus, attend faculty lectures, and visit downtown Fredericksburg. It will be an opportunity for getting together, talking endlessly, and doing a lot of what we couldn't do legally years ago.

I have been writing a sort of essay called "What I Have Learned in 75 Years and Other Nonsense." Here is an excerpt, "1955 is never that far back in my memory, and it always surprises me when I realize that it's actually 54 years ago, and I am the same as I was then (unless I look in that blasted mirror.)"

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I hope "no news is good news," meaning I hope that you are all having such full lives that you haven't a moment to spare. With no news from others, I can only relate what is happening on my home turf. I attended our bi-annual Chilton reunion, where five first cousins spent a weekend at Orkney Springs, Va., with their children and grandchildren. We numbered 52 in attendance, about half the clan.

Mary Washington alumni among those attending were **Scott** and **Sonia Garcia Chilton '79**, who confessed they started out with the class of '78, and **Mary Chilton Newell '54**. Also attending was Hallie Vaughan, mother of the late **Cathy Vaughan '78**, as well as one of Cathy's daughters.

My eldest son and family came from Reno, Nev., to attend and to spend several days here on the farm with me. I planned to spend a week in August at Bethany Beach with my youngest son and his family. Stephen is a reporter with the *Wall Street Journal*, and he periodically appears on NPR's *Diane Rehm Show* or on TV's C-Span. Middle son Tom is back in Washington serving as a chief of staff in the telecommunications arena of the Department of Commerce. Eight years ago he was chief legal counsel at the Federal Communications Commission and a corporate attorney in the Philadelphia area. I planned a big party for him in August celebrating 50 years of statehood for Alaska, an occasion that coincided with his birthday.

I continue to write my "Out of the Attic" column for the local weekly paper and am active with the local historical society. We are lucky to have our first full-time museum director, Mary Washington alumna, **Frances Robinson Allshouse '07**. I have also found interesting volunteer work at our local food bank. Many people are so gracious and generous with their time and financial assistance. Clients also

volunteer at the food bank and in our community garden. Do drop me a line to tell me what you or others are doing. I will keep writing as long as you send me news.

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Our 50th reunion was absolutely fantastic! It was due to our planning committee, chaired by **Dodie Reeder**, who started over a year ago, and also Edith, Jane, Emily, Kay, Cecile, Mary, Irene, Marianne. Judy and our two Marcias kept us on our golden path. We had first-timers and our wonderful regulars, Marty from Peru, Sarah from Denmark. All together, according to my count, 70 classmates and 20 happy husbands attended. The campus was as lovely as ever, the programs were excellent, the food was delicious. I have never seen so many smiling faces! Thanks to Cindy, Donna, and Matt, everything ran smoothly.

Many of us arrived earlier this year and attended the outstanding Alumni College sessions. Thursday evening, **Cecile Duncan Foley** invited us for a delightful cocktail reception at her beautiful home to officially begin our 50th reunion. (Cecile thanks everyone for the flowers.) We then met at Renato's for dinner and closed the evening in the hospitality room at the Hilton Garden Inn, thanks to Kay and Diane.

On Friday more arrived: we continued Alumni College, walked the campus, toured buildings, visited the new bookstore, the art gallery, and all that had changed in the last five years. We met our new president, Dr. Judy Hample, during the Brompton reception, and then crossed the street to the Jepson Alumni Center for our unforgettable 50th Golden Girls Banquet. It was perfection: an elegant setting and delectable food. **Edith Sheppard Ott** and her committee organized the slide show of our class over the years, with **Dodie Reeder Hruby** as mistress of ceremony. It was a joyous gathering, which we topped off by surprising John Chappell, **Carmen Culpeper Chappell**'s husband, by making him an honorary member of our class. How could we not consider him one of us after all his years of contributions and devotion to our class? We adjourned to the hospitality room for more talk and companionship.

The Class of 1959 had the largest number of attendees at Reunion Weekend and won two of the three awards – the highest giving participation and the highest class gift.

On Saturday, we gathered for the picnic under the tent, ate heartily, and then posed for pictures. Not only did we have the largest class in attendance, but we won two of the three awards – the highest giving participation and the highest class gift! Credit goes to **Emily Babb Carpenter**, **Kay Rowe Hayes**, and their committee for this success. We gathered at the Carmen Culpeper Chappell Campanile to listen to a few words from John. The campanile is an attractive structure and towers over the campus. When lighted in the evening, it is breathtaking.

Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton and **Marcia Phipps Ireland** presented a reverent program to remember the girls we have lost, then off we went for our class party at the recently renovated and gorgeous-again Ball Hall. Feted with cake and wine, all 70 of us tried to cover from five to 50 years; time dissolved quickly as we talked about and listened to so many interesting lives. Outside the Woodard Campus Center we toasted the success of the reunion campaign, then up the steps to the banquet. Dessert under the Stars followed, and then – would you believe it? – the hospitality room ruled!

JoNeal Hendricks Scully '59 uses handwriting analysis and body language in her job as a criminal profiler for the Virginia State Police.

At Sunday brunch we adopted a member of the Class of 1939, **Concetta Mangus McKimmey**, 92 years young and a wonderful addition to our class. After brunch, we lingered and lingered and lingered. Even with many of us coming a day early, there still was not enough time during this undoubtedly superb 50th reunion. Slides of the video are available through the alumni office, and don't forget to make contributions to the Class of 1959 Endowment Fund.

Martha Spilman Clark attended reunion, thanks to her son, Johnny, a gift from him. Marty and her husband, Paul, who was born in Peru of missionary parents, have been working since 1969 for the Scripture Union, an outreach program for street boys. They teach Christian values, run camps for small children, use their home for retreats, have outings for orphans, and also work with deaf boys. Marty and Paul have three children. Daughter Elizabeth, Max, and a family of four children moved to California in May. Their son, William, married a Peruvian and they have three children. Their youngest, John, is in Dallas and still a bachelor.

I got a letter from **Nancy Gwaltney Gillette** – it thrills me to hear from a classmate who was considered "lost." She was sorry to miss reunion, she said, and sends her regards to everyone. Nancy married Bill, an army lieutenant, in September of 1959. For 21 years they traveled all over the U.S., Germany, and Pakistan. For the last 30 years, they have been living in Odenton, Md. They have four children. Deborah, a West Point graduate and a widow, has two children, lives in Alexandria, works for EPA, and is a full colonel in the Army Reserve. Mary Katherine is married to the chief of pediatrics at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and lives in Chesapeake. Their oldest of three sons graduated from high school this year and will attend the Naval Academy in the fall. Nancy and Bill's son David has three sons; he is a civil engineer with the Department of Transportation and lives in Monroe, N.C. Nancy's youngest, Karen, has two children, works for Bank of America, and lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Nancy enjoys her grandmother duties, especially babysitting. She and Bill have a cabin in West Virginia, where they escape monthly for peace and quiet. They have taken trips to Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Ukraine, and Romania, and they plan to visit Poland and Austria this year.

Gailya Sue Smith Goiser, who transferred in 1958 to the University of Kentucky to complete a bachelor's degree, met her husband, John, on a blind date at Mary Washington. She and John have been spending time in Denver with their daughter, who is recovering from breast cancer. Sue wrote that memories of Mary Washington remain deeply imbedded in her heart, and she sends fond and loving thoughts to all. Isn't it great to hear from someone after all these years?

Eleanor Craig Towe retired from serving on the Board of Supervisors in Loudoun County. She and Jim have four children, two boys and two girls – a doctor, a lawyer, a psychiatrist, and a TV photographer – and four grandchildren. The doctor son is taking over Jim's practice.

Ann Watkins Steves has eight grandchildren and is looking great! In March, the 45th annual anniversary celebration of Cahmounis Mansion International Hostel honored **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** for her accomplishments in education, health, and art. She and Russ have five grandchildren. Russ, who is semiretired, attended an American Medical Association gathering in Chicago in June. **Kay Rowe Hayes** still teaches GED classes. She has four grandchildren and is watching a lot of football

since her grandsons play. Her oldest grandson was accepted at Christopher Newport University.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman and Alan's daughter, Tammie, has tenure at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. They have five grandchildren: Austin completed his freshman year at the University of Alabama and continues cross country racing; Smylie has committed to play golf for LSU.

Ann Saunders Spilman has nine grandchildren, and her son's daughter made her a great-grandmother. Way to go! Two of her grandchildren have graduated from high school. Ann volunteers at a nursing home and helps set up Christmas boxes of shoes for over eight million children.

Joyce Kirby Erlandsen sent her best regards and news that she has a new granddaughter.

Jean Paul Cherubini and Ron are retired in Jacksonville, N.C.; Jean taught art on base at Camp Lejeune until a couple of years ago. They have two boys and two girls.Their youngest daughter's first child due in July, and she was staying with Jean while her husband was in Afghanistan.

Molly Bradshaw Clark has five grandchildren, ages 17 months to 18 years. Daughter Mary Ann was expecting in October. Molly commutes between her mountain house in Georgia and her house in St. Petersburg, Fla. She enjoys bridge and tennis. **Barbara Bache Barker** has retired from her law career and has returned to Richmond. Her mother is still living and doing well. Barbara's daughter, Dale, is living in Turks Island and owns a scuba shop. Her son, Chris, has given her two grandchildren.

Leading a Useful, Musical Life

Sean Michael Dargan, well known in the Fredericksburg music scene of the late '80s and early '90s, started his music career as a toddler playing bagpipes.

Had it not been for several UMW professors who inspired him, **Sean Michael Dargan '90** today might be fiddling a stethoscope instead of guitar strings. But the singer/songwriter switched from a major in chemistry – he had plans to be a doctor – to English after taking classes in poetry, linguistics, and literature at Mary Washington.

Today, as the lead member of the sean michael dargan band, the Madison, Wis., resident and his group have released three albums of original rock and roll since 1994. The latest is titled *If You Wanna See THE BIG PICTURE, You Gotta Take One Step Back*. Dargan writes all the songs for the group, with the exception of a track penned by **Chris Bonner '89**, whom he met at UMW.

"Chris is an amazing fellow," said Dargan. "We have been music collaborators since we were 19 and 20." Dargan recorded a song by Bonner titled "Before the War" for his 2005 release. "We still keep in touch every week with email and phone calls, and we basically produce each other's music from afar." Bonner, who now lives in Arlington, previously lived in New York City, where he worked for both MTV and VH1.

Dargan also is good friends with **Cedric Rucker '81**, UMW's dean of student life. "I was a senior when Cedric started working in the student activities job; Cedric's trademark is to wear a bowtie... and so is mine," said Dargan. "I think one should dress up a bit when one is performing."

His fourth album, titled *Snap Your Fingers and Stomp Your Feet*, comes out this winter. In part, he said, it celebrates the political change of the 2008 presidential election. Dargan and his wife, Jennifer, are both grassroots political activists. Dargan has performed at many political events, including one for then-Senator Obama on the campaign trail, as well as one accompanying rock legend Patti Smith at the National Conference for Media Reform.

Music has figured into Dargan's life since he was a child growing up outside of Philadelphia, but he didn't start with piano or drums like most kids. His father played bass drum in a bagpipe band, and at age four Dargan began marching as a piper with the group, basically serving as its mascot. He said he was fortunate to have exceptional music teachers in the Washington, D.C., area who helped him hone his craft on the bagpipes.

In high school, he picked up the guitar and started playing in rock bands, which continued during his time at Mary Washington. "It can be hard to form relationships when you play bagpipes," Dargan said. "I noticed right away, though, that girls seem to like guitar players." After college, Dargan split his time among Fredericksburg, D.C., and New York City "as a starving artist," and he toured extensively, including parts of Europe, until the late 1990s.

Dargan eventually ended up in Los Angeles and worked for a company that produced large outdoor events, including The AIDS Ride, an annual bicycle ride fundraiser that travels through different parts of the country. He and Jennifer met on one of those rides and were married in 2001. The couple has a one-year-old daughter, Margaret Marie. Jennifer works for public radio in Madison.

Dargan came upon Mary Washington as his college choice almost by accident. As a freshman at Hampden-Sydney College, he was headed home to visit his parents and passed through Fredericksburg. "I noticed Fredericksburg had a pretty cool downtown." He decided to transfer. "I had good grades, and I wanted to be a doctor, so I chose chemistry as a major."

Those plans changed once he started taking English classes at Mary Washington. According to Dargan, professors like Judith Parker, Vanessa Haley, and Raman Singh "stoked a fire in me with a deep love of language."

He said, "I had a great experience at Mary Wash; I made great friends, the academics were outstanding, and the campus was beautiful." Now, at age 40, with a wife, a baby, and a productive musical career, Dargan can survey his life and say: "Overall, I feel pretty useful."

– Kathleen Sheridan

Gloria Winslow Borden inally has a grandson after 16 randdaughters. Alleluia! **Patricia Gray Proulx** and Dan have been narried 47 years; they have two hildren and three grandchildren. o glad to see **Frances Bourke irth**, who came in from Oregon. he has five children. **Julia Coates ittlefield** played her ukulele nd sang some of the songs we herished, during the 50th Golden Girls banquet. She and Mo have wo children, two grandsons, and ne granddaughter. **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and her husband re thinking of selling their ntique shop and traveling more. They have two children and two randdaughters. **Emily Babb Carpenter** and Tom travel a lot, nd they have three grandchildren. on Tom Jr. and family moved o Colorado Springs; daughter Caroline and family are in Virginia each.

Diana Trischman Lee taught or 31 years and likes retirement. he has three children and five randchildren, plays bridge, nd is a hospital volunteer. **Ann ollins Pyle** taught for 39 years! Her daughter, Carolyn, gave her grandchild in March. **Carol ridgen Gill**, who is retired from eaching middle school math, nd husband George have three ons, three granddaughters, and ne grandson. **Nancy Carneal ickinson**, who worked as a uidance counselor for many ears, has two children and seven randchildren. **Irene Piscopo odgers** finished her commitment o FEI in Texas in June and eaded to Boston. **Audrey Manke Cameron** retired from J.P. Morgan. he has two grandchildren. **Mary redman Downing** has two hildren and a grandson.

Sarah Bryson Damskier ame to reunion from Denmark! he worked as the director of an xperimental college and had any unusual tales to tell. **Gwen lthauser Betor**, who came in om Indiana, has three children nd has worked as a health are administrator. **Judith Fink eckmen** has three sons and seven randchildren. After 25 years of wning Roland Corp., which sold lectronic musical instruments, he and husband Tom own the uccessful Beckmen Vineyards n Santa Barbara. **Jane Tucker Broadbooks** said husband John enjoyed the reunion as much as she did. Don't you have to love them? They have three grandchildren. Jon Karl is editor of *The State Journal Register* in Springfield, Ill., and is on the managing editorial board. Jane was at a craft show about 15 miles east of Asheville and in walked **"Pug" Kaufman**, who was attending a wedding.

Beth Shochat Cole was in Maryland, moved to Florida, and now is heading to Arizona. **JoNeal Hendricks Scully** of Charlottesville uses handwriting analysis and body language in her job as a criminal profiler for the Virginia State Police. She has two sons and two grandsons.

Barbara Gordon McNamee has seven children and 16 grandchildren. She worked as a computer teacher and consultant for grades K-12 at Walsingham Academy in Williamsburg. Barbara is still involved in synchronized swimming; I remember her so well at Mary Washington swimming shows.

Nancy Crosland Lehfeldt taught for 43 years; she has three daughters and six grandchildren. **Carol Daehler Leonard**, still in California, has two children and four grandchildren who range from age 6 to 18. **Joan Whittemore Loock** has four children and seven grandchildren. She likes living in the Gulf Shores, Ala., area, but the hurricanes are not her favorite thing. **Nancy Smith Campbell** is retired in Richmond and travels a lot. Her daughter lives in Denver and her son has given her two grandsons. **Joan Essick Woloson** looked great and doesn't seem to let anything deter her from her goals; she had a stroke three years ago and is recovering so well. Her daughter is in Philadelphia and her son, a criminal attorney, is in Fredericksburg.

Barbara Hunter Kellogg taught for 21 years. She and Gus have been married 47 years; they have four children and nine grandchildren. **Sybil Child West** is a potter and runs a craft gallery in Wilmington, N.C. She and Bill, married 50 years, have three sons and eight grandchildren. **Sharon Greene Hope**, whose hobby is bridge, came in from California. She has three children, four step-children, and 17 grandchildren!

Sharon Henry Schafer married Tom, a periodontist, and was an American Airlines flight attendant for many years. They have three children and one grandson. **Marcia Spence Harrison-Thornton** still works as a psychotherapist three days a week and is renewing her love of the cello. **Marcia Phipps Ireland** and Gary, now retired, have two children and four grandchildren.

Gail Fallon Neal, a busy volunteer in Richmond, kept a smile on her face at reunion. She and Marcus have been married 48 years; they have three children and five grandchildren. **Edith Weber Staib** and her husband, who has been in the printing business, live in Hilton Head, S.C.; they have three children and seven grandchildren. **Cecelia Bergin Robbins**, now retired, looks good and is an 11-year cancer survivor! She has five children and seven grandchildren; the youngest daughter attended UMW.

Fifty-niners honored John Chappell, Carmen Culpeper Chappell's husband, by making him an honorary member of their class.

Anne Johnson Maxwell, retired from social work, was thrilled to finally come to her first reunion. She moved from West Virginia to Bedford, Va. **Ann Rodabaugh Wright** came charging in from Alabama and regaled us with tales and adventures. She and Bob have five sons and 10 grandchildren. She has worked in children's theater and with community players. She was the director of student affairs at the University of Alabama; she recently served as the advisor to the Alabama Student Program Board.

Ann Caddy Morgan, of Richmond, was in the insurance field for 35 years; she has two children and six grandchildren. Ann brought her daughter, Belinda, with her since she is no longer ambulatory, but her wheelchair only operated in high gear! Ann is still working as an elementary cafeteria monitor, and I can only imagine the inspiration she must be to the children.

Jane Howard Buchanan and Peter are retired and living in Charlottesville. **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas**, retired from teaching in New York, said her children are fine. She breathes a sigh of relief that Greg returned safely from Afghanistan, though he is still a member of the National Guard Reserves. Ann stayed in Fredericksburg with her dad, who is still going strong and, she said, can work circles around her.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners will be hiking, volunteering, and checking out hostel opportunities in their 90's. Though retired, **Martha Huffman Wood** continues her work for the National Education Association and the Virginia Education Association. All through our reunion years, **Geraldine Jenks Winston** and Addison attended; how great it was to see Addison at our 50th. **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** is always so pleasant and humorous. She and Tom have three children and three grandchildren.

Margaret Crisman Kostel lives in Harrisonburg and has three grandchildren. **Sally Arnold Sullivan** was so busy we couldn't find time for her storyteller skills. Better luck next time. **Texie Peek Van Devender** has two sons and two granddaughters. She was a day student and still lives in Fredericksburg. **Carol Hickman Bowman** has two sons.

Lois Jean McNabb is retired from teaching middle school. **Edith Sheppard Ott** and Matt have been married 50 years. With Matt retired from his law practice and Edith from her career as a clinical psychiatrist, they have plenty of time to spoil their seven grandchildren. **Dodie Reeder Hruby**, retired from teaching English, and Dale have nine grandchildren. **Andrea Milne Delkeskamp** seemed delighted she made the trip from California to her first reunion. She has two children and is running in marathons. Way to go!

Well, girls, to those of you who came from short or long distances, I thank you. That is what made our reunion superb – being there to share our life experiences. I tried to give everybody a line or two here. If I skipped anybody, please forgive me. I thought we are definitely a good looking and exciting group of women. The Class of 1959 goes on!

1960 Reunion Weekend

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Jody is still President of the Clermont Friends of the Library and recently celebrated the end of a long campaign with the opening of a new 50,000-square-foot, $15 million building. She was appointed to the County Library Advisory Board and was tapped to serve on the Florida Library Association Annual Conference Committee. Her newest hobby/addiction, genealogy research and developing a book to preserve her family heritage, has provided the excuse for some interesting travels. After being a grandmother of eight, she is serving as Co-Class Agent with Karen for the Class of '60 and staying in touch with all of you. [Thank you, Jody; I couldn't do this without you! – KN] Re-discovering dear old friends who share her history and memories and renewing old bonds and forging new ones, she said, has enriched what might have been some very bleak years and has brought her special joy. She is serving on the Reunion Planning Committee for our grand 50th along with some other really great minds also working on that project: **Liz Hill Heaney**, **Betty Ditmars Prosser**, **Karen Larsen Nelson**, **Patty Morgan Connolly**, **Sue Smith Goodrick**, and **Syd Colson Chichester**.

This committee has been terrific and has been working hard since January 2009 to make it a warm, satisfying, and happy time – just for you. In late May, Syd, Patty, Jody, and Sue even attended Reunion 2009 to scope out the events and polish our plans! As you read this, make it your solemn commitment to meet in Fredericksburg the first week in June 2010. The main thing right now is to *plan for this once-in-a-lifetime trip*, setting aside time and money so nothing stands in the way of your being part of our wonderful Class of 1960 Reunion. By now you should have received the information you need to make your plans. You have no idea how much we look forward to seeing you, so please don't let us down.

Now to class news: Right after her time in Fredericksburg with the reunion committee, **Sue Smith Goodrick** took her first trip to Europe for a cruise down the Danube River from Budapest, Hungary. Unfortunately, the river trip was curtailed at Vienna by record-setting rains that flooded the river and stopped boat traffic in both directions, so she travelled to Austria and Germany by motor coach. Sue has also reestablished contact with her Mary Washington roommate, **Diane Hays Neuman**. She said that the birthday list in our monthly email was just the incentive for her to get in touch, and several of our classmates wrote how much they enjoyed our birthday e-cards. *[If you would like to receive an e-card from us, just send either one of us your birth date, and we'll add you to our growing list. We also do snail-mail cards.]*

In June, **Sherry Farrington Green** attended "a great Meeting of the Clan...all the children and grandchildren...cast of thousands," then headed off to Texas for the National U.S. Fencing Association competition. She earned a bronze medal and was looking for better at the August Senior Worlds competition in San Francisco.

Terry Eagles Dow is thinking ahead to our big reunion in June, planning to combine it with a visit to her son and his wife in D.C. **Betty Ditmars Prosser** expected many summer visitors at her home in the Thousand Island region of New York state and said that in her next life she'll run a B&B.

Nancy Moncure Deiss was in Fredericksburg for a big family reunion this spring. She was amazed at how our sleepy little college town has grown, with many little boutique shops, a lot of archeological work and restoration, and colonial history really coming alive. She's looking forward to reunion.

Jody Campbell Close '60, president of the Clermont (Fla.) Friends of the Library, recently celebrated the end of a long campaign with the opening of a new 50,000-square-foot, $15 million building.

Cyd Day Getchell planned a wedding for her son in early June, ran a fundraiser for the Historical Society in Newburyport, Mass., then headed off for Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota to check on her foundation to promote literacy and education. She met the two scholarship recipients for this year.

Nancy Cleaves Blaydes welcomed a new grandchild in April; **Joanne Lister Jacobs** expected her third grandchild in August. Jo was also proud to announce that another grandson has been approved to spend his junior and senior year of high school at the School for Math and Science at the University of North Carolina. Congratulations, ladies.

Nancy Fugelso Muldrow and husband Charlie celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary in June. They had a quiet celebration of their happiness after a long, difficult period in their lives. Last year Nancy lost her younger brother to esophageal cancer, and last December she experienced a simple stumble in the driveway – not on ice or snow – injured her left shoulder, her left knee, and broke her wrist. With a few residual twinges, she was back to normal by spring.

Darrell and I enjoyed a busy time at "Senior Summer Camp" at Juniper Ridge Resort in the cool White Mountains of Arizona, highlighted by a week of Senior Olympics – not athletic stuff, just a team fun activity each day. We also socialized with friends and neighbors, did some round dancing, and I worked on our UMW Reunion Planning Committee and monthly email News Flashes. In mid-September, we went to New Mexico for our annual week of dancing in Albuquerque and Red River, before closing up the trailer and heading home to still-hot Mesa.

Keep watching your mailbox for more info about our BIG 50th Reunion, and please send Jody and me a note to say you are coming.

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From Connie: It is mid-July at this writing, and we are pretty much settled in our new/old Neoclassical Revival-style house built in1916. Our street is lovely, lined with live oak trees and a beautiful small National Cemetery at the end, dating back to the Civil War. We just bought nice bicycles for our big birthdays this year (Andy turned 75) and look forward to exploring at a slower pace. Proximity to our 2-year-old grandson Leo is terrific, especially watching his language development. Somehow I don't remember how my own kids learned to talk! My plans include volunteering with the local literacy council and cruising down the Dalmatian Coast and Greece in early September.

Now, here is a real voice from our past – **Maddie Contis Marken** (who I never realized was Greek!) wrote last March from Cape Cod: "It has been a long procrastination...48 years, but decided that I didn't have time for another 48 years to go by before

I contacted my college friends." She is retired from work in an inner city emergency room, but for the last four years has done per diem social work for Cape Cod Heath Care, which she loves. She is training for her sixth marathon, her last one being Boston, which she ran in less than five hours. She backpacks around the White Mountains and in Europe, including a challenging hike last June in the Pyrenees along the ridges between France and Spain. She plans to bike through Germany this fall with a friend.

Last fall, Maddie and daughter Melanie visited the remote mountain village on the Greece/Albanian border where her parents were born as a tribute to her mother, who recently passed away.

Maddie is in touch with her Mary Washington roommate of four years, **Kathy Ledner Kuttner**, who lives in West Orange, N.J. Kathy works part time after retiring as a therapist and program developer in a gerontology unit. Maddie saw **Bev Carlson Shea**, who is "full of energy and looking very glamorous."

Carolyn Barnette Wright, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., wrote that "life is good." She spends time with her five grandchildren, ages 3 to 8, and hopes to go to Hawaii in October with a friend who has terminal cancer. Carolyn plans to take a keyboard class at Florida International University in Miami so she can learn to play the piano in her living room – it has hardly been touched since her kids left home.

Carole Grant LeMay of Natchez, Miss., spent the early summer recovering from a total hip replacement done in May. Feeling better in July, she planned to go to their lake house in north Alabama for a LeMay family get together. She and 11 other gals (including **Bee Stone Byrnes**) planned to spend a week of beach and bridge on the Gulf in August. Carole's youngest grandson, Jacob, 4, spent a week with them, and she said it was fun keeping up with him. In October, Carole, Ralph, sister **Barbara Grant Fox '63**, and Barbara's husband planned to be on a Rhine River cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam.

Carolyn Crum Pannu of San Mateo, Calif., is still working three days a week with no plan to retire any time soon. She sends lots of love to all of her college sisters. She is single again. Daughter Kara includes her in many San Francisco activities. They celebrated her birthday on the *Star Princess* up to Vancouver. They planned to return there in September, flying up and cruising back on *Island Princess*, and again in February for the Winter Olympics. Raj and family are in Dallas with grandson, Alex, now 4 and precious. Knitting is Carole's favorite new pastime.

> ***Kelly Cherry '61 has two new books:* Girl in a Library: On Women Writers & the Writing Life *and* The Retreats of Thought: Poems.**

Kelly Cherry has two new books. *Girl in a Library: On Women Writers & the Writing Life* (BkMk Press) was to be released in September, and in October, The *Retreats of Thought: Poems* (LSU Press). She and Burke planned to spend September in Bellagio, Italy, thanks to the Rockefeller Foundation, and they'll visit her sister in London on the way there. They share their Halifax, Va., home with two bichons, one 12, the other a puppy.

Joyce Ann Gann Rush lives in Rustburg, Va. She wrote: "My middle daughter, Mary R. Bailey, has published her first novel, *Vhan Zeely and the Time Prevaricators* (Eloquent Books), an action/adventure story involving a little history, a little time travel, and, of course, good vs. evil! It is geared for a younger audience, ages 9 and older, but "old folks" like it, too. I am certainly biased, but it is a well-crafted, fast-paced, tremendously good read."

Clara Sue Durden Ashley's son Park is doing well in Afghanistan, leaving wife Shawn in Georgia with their seven children, including son Justin born last April. Oldest son Chris' son, Christopher, just turned 14 and is almost six feet tall! Dennis will soon start a job with the Navy in Jacksonville, Fla., doing environmental engineering. Andrew, still with Honeywell, returned from Afghanistan, and a friend wrote *Afghan Andy's March* in his honor. The Stonewall Brigade Band, in conjunction with an Army Reserve band – 100 musicians in all – gave the premier performance in June in Staunton, Va. Hubby Clarence gives tours of the Library of Congress, recently to a group of wounded warriors.

Please keep us apprised of your latest email address or preferred contact method. As **Dixie Babb Rucker** of Woodstock, Ga., wrote, "I'm going to try to be there for our 50th!!

From Renee: Hi, all. I'm taking classes in creative writing, writing workshop, the U.S. Constitution, and current events at Beverly Hills adult school. The stimulation is great and keeps the wheels of what's left of my mind well oiled! The classes are made up of mostly retired, intellectually curious, and active people, so the discussions are wonderful.

I haven't heard from most of you, but here is the news from the hearty souls that were kind enough to take the time to write.

> ***Maddie Contis Marken '61 is training for her sixth marathon. She backpacks around the White Mountains and in Europe, including a challenging hike in the Pyrenees along the ridges between France and Spain.***

All is well with **Becky Paris Spetz** and family. She and Wayne planned to travel in July with the UMW Alumni Association to England's Cotswolds. She said it sounded like a wonderful trip, with seven nights in one hotel.

Mary Joslin Jenkins (aka Emyl Jenkins) has a new mystery, *The Big Steal*, which was launched in July at the Library of Virginia. With its rave reviews, Mary will be on the road with talks and book-signings in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Thanks to the phone, computer, podcasts, and book tour blogs, she can "virtually visit" more and more book clubs. Mary has three "grand boys" and another baby on the way. Husband Bob Sexton is a consultant and an adjunct professor in the VCU School of Engineering. Mary gardens, is on the board of the Library of Virginia, and is chairman of the furnishings committee at the Virginia Executive Mansion.

Marilyn "Mouse" Messier Whitmore still volunteers as a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. She and Bill took a cruise on the *Ruby Princess* from Rome to Venice with five ports in Greece, one in Turkey, and a day in Monte Carlo. They have their own wholesale hardware business, and Bill doesn't feel the need to retire. But Mouse retired from it in March and is "a happy homemaker," available for her 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson (born in May) any time they need her.

From Lynne: This is a very significant year for many of us in the Class of '61, as we are celebrating "big" birthdays. Happy Birthday, one and all!

It seems as if I celebrated my big day for the first half of the year, with a lot of indulgences. Our South African trip was magnificent. We're still doing the same-old things, going back and forth between New York City and Connecticut and really loving it. Please let me know if you'll be in the area; I still love doing "touristy" things.

Lloyd Tilton Backstrom and I chat and email fairly regularly. **Pat Scott Peck** visited her for an afternoon on her way to Maine for the summer; she had been in D.C. at her late brother's house where her son, Brian, lives. Lloyd and Art attended the UMW "Alumni College" which was the same time as Reunion Weekend. I think she picked up a great deal of information that will be useful for our own 50th Reunion.

It was great hearing from **Aggie Welsh Eyster**, who still lives in San Antonio and speaks to **Jill Cusack Clay** regularly; they didn't know they were cousins

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until attending MWC. Aggie had plans to participate in two group art shows: The Escape Artists in August at Hill Country Arts Foundation and, in September, "Second Seating," an event celebrating Houston's East End.

Janie Riles of San Diego has two little grandsons there. She was preparing for her annual painting workshop in France in September, consisting of two large groups of painters for 10 days each. This year, she was to stay in Dordogne in the small village of Coulaures. In October, she planned to be in Lyon with friends. This summer, she taught painting in her home studio. She also goes back and forth to her place in Fort Lauderdale.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland went with **Linda Taylor Drustrup** to southern China in 2008, where they cruised the Yangtze River, and is planning her next trip to Russia with twin sister **Judy Saunders Slifer**.

Katharine Nell Robinson May traveled to Italy, Croatia, and Montenegro on a small ship. She seems extremely happy and enjoys her three grandchildren – a 6-year-old grandson and his identical twin sisters, toddlers – who live near her in Williamsburg.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin enjoyed part of the summer in the South with their new cockapoo, who found them at the local humane society. They spent August in their Victorian summer cottage at Lake Carey, Pa.

In closing, I again ask you to provide me with email addresses you may have that are not on my list. Each time I send a request for information, many emails cannot be delivered due to invalid addresses. Many thanks.

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The deadline for this issue was in July when many folks were on vacation, so the news is slow this issue. Julie Waugh, daughter of **Ellen Wilson**, wrote of her mother's passing on March 17, 2009. Ellen is survived by husband Bob, three children – Bob Jr., Jeanne, and Julie – and her five grandchildren – Sarah, Catherine, Mark, Mary, and Lorelei. Ellen and her family lived in St. Simons Island, Ga., where she was active in the Island Players, coached girls softball, and was an avid tennis player. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the family. We will miss Ellen.

Thank you to **Diana Copple Smith**, who put me in contact with **Rosalie Alico Turner**. Rosalie met her husband, who was at Quantico, during our senior year at Mary Washington. They celebrated their 46th anniversary this year. They had three sons, including Terry, whom they lost to leukemia at age 10. Kile and his wife, both attorneys, live in Birmingham, Ala., and have a blended family of five children – his are triplets, 9; hers is 9; and theirs is 2. Third son Joel, a former Marine who served in Iraq, is entering the Police Academy in Hillsborough, N.C., and is married with no children. Husband Frank has retired from the railroad industry three times and is still railroading. Rosalie has written four books that have been published. The new historical fiction *Sisters Of Valor* tells the story of four different women whose Marine husbands served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 – our generation – the unrest and turmoil of the time, and the effects of these struggles on the servicemen and their families, civil rights, and the women's movement.

As for myself, I went this spring with a tour group to China. We landed in Beijing, climbed the Great Wall, and toured the Forbidden City. In Xian, we saw the Terra Cotta Warriors and sailed down the Yangtze River to Shanghai. It was a wonderful two weeks of traveling, sightseeing, and, of course, shopping.

Please forward a short note telling us or updating us about your family, hobby, retirement, or upcoming plans.

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To all members of the class of 1963: Please send me news so I can include you next time. I would love to hear from you.

Jonathan and I spent most of the spring and summer selling both of our respective houses, buying one together, and then moving and unpacking. All this was in preparation for our September wedding, planning for which was far more time-consuming than I dreamed! The best part is that my six granddaughters, ages 1 through 8, planned to be flower girls.

Betty Ailstock Hall attended Mary Washington for only one year, going on to earn her bachelor's degree in religion at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. Betty said that she has retired after an interesting career in the field, finishing with 14 years in after-school ministry.

Jane Bateman also attended MWC for one year then returned to Texas where she graduated from University of Texas. She enjoys her work as a dietician for nursing homes and also enjoys traveling. She spent last Thanksgiving in Paris and planned to meet friends in Geneva in August of this year. **Pat Carroll** has enjoyed water color painting for the past 40 years. She has two children and three grandchildren. **Betty Ash** retired in 2006 as a human resources personnel director. She enjoys genealogy research and recently returned from Germany. **Lona Asher**, who went on to finish her degree in nursing at the Medical College of Virginia, retired from Metlife, where she worked with long-term care insurance for small businesses. She said that she had also worked for the airline industry for 25 years and still loves traveling. **Sue Bentley Varn** finished her degree in nursing at U.Va. She recently retired after 22 years as a hospice nurse and enjoys gardening with her internist husband, her three children, and her six grandchildren, all of whom live nearby.

Barbara Bold Ducker and her neurosurgeon husband have lived in Annapolis, Md., for 25 years, and they have three children and four grandchildren. They have a home in Annapolis' historic district, which is full of interesting sites and great for walking. They also have a mountain home in Steamboat Springs, Colo., that draws her family "as often as they can get there."

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Sixteen of us met for Reunion Weekend, May 30 and 31. What a great time we had at the picnic, exchanging news of families, careers, travels, and memories. Mary Washington women wear many hats indeed!

All of us looked far better, we agreed, than we did in college, and we have developed character, for sure! Just a few of the people we saw were: **Pam Ames**, who is busier than ever, has a move to Fredericksburg in the works; **Marilyn Morgan Jorgensen** teaches piano and is involved in music in Yardley, Pa.; **Sharon Haythorne Stack** and **Vicky Taylor Allen** could be found laughing their heads off (what else is new?); and Vicky and **Lynn Rowland Bagg** found that they both live in NewYork!

Since then, we have heard from **Ruth Pharr Sayer**, who lives in Princeton, N.J. Her daughter, three children, husband, and a "very large" dog live in New York City. Coincidentally, both Vicky and Ruth have longstanding friendships at the schools of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, New York, and Greenwich, Conn., where Vicky still works.

We are dying to hear from you! You may think "nothing's new," but we sure don't! Feel free to send your news via email, regular mail, a phone call to the alumni office, or a postcard. We are already starting to plan for our big 50th reunion in 2014, so let's get together and send in "all the latest" with news of families, retirement, careers, travels, big events, and anniversaries – or any other news.

Here's "the latest" from our classmates: **Marietta Hirschhom Montgomery** wrote that she and her husband, Wally, continue to enjoy good health and great friends – "Life is good in our golden years!" A retired public school English teacher, she continues to work part-time through the local university, Mary Hardin-Baylor, in Belton, Texas, and is involved with alternative teacher certification. Her two daughters are married

with delightful children. Wally's novel *Regeneration* was just published, and he is working on his second book.

Our condolences to **Nancy Hewetson Cooke**, whose father, former Economics Professor Hewetson, passed away. She would love to keep in touch with classmates who were day students.

Barbara Kellam Latham has connected with **Betsy Reuter Martin** in New Jersey. Barbara's mother lives nearby and her two daughters are settled. The elder has two children, and the younger heads her own public relations firm in London. Betsy has had both hips replaced and travels with Roger to see family and friends.

Barbara's daughters visited **Temmie Kovinda Chaturachinda** in Bangkok,Thailand, where she and her husband owned several Thai/Italian restaurants. Temmie has two children – her daughter lives in London, and the second works with the Thai Embassy in Paris. **Virginia Lucas Shearin** enjoys spending time at her summer home in Rehoboth, Del., and has a grandchild, born in 2007.

Joyce Liggett Tollinger and Tom celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Rome, and then to Venice, where they joined a cruise, which took them to Croatia, Athens, Naples, and all around the Mediterranean, ending in Barcelona. They have five little granddaughters. Son Alan plans to marry in Pasadena, Calif., in October.

Margaret "Peggy" Mitchell Bliss, who still hopes to move to the ocean, spent July in Japan babysitting the grandchildren. They were to return to the U.S. together in August, and two of the children planned to attend the Mystic Seaport sailing camp.

Barbara Latham wishes more of us would embrace the new networking technology: computers, iPhone, Kindle, and more!

Many thanks to **Betty Jennings Peterson** for her work as Class Agent for the past five years! She lives in Illinois with her husband and family.

Good wishes to the best class ever: let's keep our spirit shining, share the news, and keep in touch!

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Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann represented our class well at the UMW Reunion Weekend festivities by attending the Saturday night banquet and presenting the three annual alumni awards. She also saw our beloved class sponsor and honorary class member, **Dr. George Van Sant**, who was busy signing copies of his book, *Taking on the Burden of History: Presuming to be a United States Marine*, which was published last November. In July, Bobbi and husband Robert took their "maiden voyage" to Ireland as a combined birthday and anniversary celebration.

Carol Bingley Wiley and her outstanding "individual approach to abstract art" were featured during the month of June at the Tidemark Gallery in Waldoboro, Maine. The gallery director described Carol's show, *Inner Landscapes*, as "an explosion of color, action, themes, all calling the viewer to come closer to share in the artist's journey of exploration." Carol said her work there shows "a combination of my traditional medium, pastels, and my new love, acrylics," and that since her college days her artistic journey has had a purpose. "Today I am painting with more freedom, showing movement, and conveying my personal impression of the subject. I am having fun and feel truer to myself as an artist than ever before."

> ***Carol Bingley Wiley '66 had her art at the Tidemark Gallery in Waldoboro, Maine. The gallery director described Carol's show, Inner Landscapes, as "an explosion of color, action, themes."***

Ryan Stewart Davis retired from her State Farm Insurance business. She and husband Roger celebrated immediately by driving from their home in Shelton, Wash., to his sister's home in Albuquerque, N.M., for a lengthy, leisurely visit. On their return, they moved to Port Townsend, Wash.

In January, **Ginny Bateman Brinkley** and husband Bill traveled to grandson Brad's graduation from Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. After flight school in Pensacola, Fla., Brad hopes to realize his lifelong dream of flying. In March, Ginny and Bill visited family in Nashville, Tenn., where granddaughter Rebecca Hewitt, 10, participated in a national competition – she recorded a demo and won third place for song writing and singing. In April, Ginny moved her mother and uncle nearby into the same nursing home, where they can now visit each other daily. Ginny unearthed her uncle's manuscript of a science fiction story, and is editing and preparing it in hopes of publication. She, Bill, and three grandkids water skied, jet skied, and wake boarded all summer from their Florida lake house. They also had a week-long family gathering in Siesta Key with all five of their adult children and nine of their 10 grandchildren.

Last winter, **Pat Lewars Pace** and **Linda Glynn Hutchison** spent three weeks exploring Peru, Chile, and Argentina. It was delightful to feel "winter" temperatures ranging from 40 to 90 in the southern hemisphere, to enjoy the European atmosphere of Buenos Aires, and to take in the spectacular sights and spirit of Machu Picchu high in the Andes. Pat's son, Chris, and his wife, Kelly, expected a baby in July, to join Pat's three granddaughters. Pat is looking forward to the next MW Lunch Bunch in Fredericksburg.

Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner and I met at Woodlawn Plantation last spring and enjoyed the homemade luncheon provided by Nellie's Needlers, the Woodlawn ladies' auxiliary group. We would like the MW Lunch Bunch to meet there next spring in time for the national needlework exhibition. Mary Kathryn and husband Charlie enjoy good health, play as much golf as they possibly can, and live at a slower pace now that she is retired from Shaw Systems.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach's children and grandchildren are finally all on the same continent. Son Brandon, wife Allison, and their three children returned in June from their six-year residence in Croatia, visiting Sandra in Northern Virginia before relocating near Allison's family in Texas. Daughter Amy, husband Shawn, and baby Layne have resumed living in Colorado after Amy's six-month nursing exchange program in Australia last year. Son Ricky and his family remain close to home where they continue to manage a thriving landscaping business. Last spring Sandra moved her mother to a nursing facility, and then prepared, listed, and sold the family home in Herndon,Va. Since Sandra suffered a small stroke in February, it was a great relief to her to have everyone settled "stateside" again, and she planned a celebratory reunion in August.

Hank and I enjoyed two weeks in June in Nags Head, N.C., with ALL our children and 16 grandchildren, filling four beach houses this year. We now have grandsons at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Radford University, and Virginia Tech, plus someone in practically every grade down to pre-school. I still serve as a volunteer math resource teacher at Vienna Elementary and spent much of the school session tutoring algebra and BC Calculus. We traveled to family weddings in Maryland and Long Island, spent a week with friends on the canals in South Bethany, Del., and took a bonus trip to Disney World – Hank's first! – in September.

We are saddened by the loss of **Patricia Previtte Hill**, who succumbed to ovarian cancer in May. Pat taught home economics in Fairfax County, Va., for 10 years before launching a successful real estate career which lasted 30 years. Pat is survived by Gordon, her husband of 40 years; five siblings; two children; and four grandchildren. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.

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Patsy Jones Lingle Mazzocco is a busy grandmother, gardener, and church volunteer. She is so proud of what she reads about Mary Washington and sends her best to all her classmates! Patsy worked for independent community banks for 26 years, then was CFO of two start-up banks in Los Angeles County, worked in Beverly Hills, and finished her career as CFO of an independent bank in Torrance, Calif. Her husband, Bill, died in a diving accident in 1996, the year she retired. Two years later a book-club friend introduced her to Felix Mazzocco. They are now married and love having their six children (who knew each other before Patsy and Felix met) and seven grandchildren visit in Bonsall, Calif. Patsy and Felix grow avocados on their property and have almost 200 trees. They plan to take a cruise next year in the Far East, ending in Hong Kong, and they plan to travel to Tuscany.

After raising their three children in Columbus, Ohio, **Elaine Jenkins Bokach** and retired husband Pete have been living in Bradenton, Fla., for six years since. They both play golf, volunteer, travel, and enjoy the social life there. Pete works for Habitat for Humanity, and Elaine tutors second graders in reading. Their daughter married in Ohio in 2009. They have two single sons – one in Columbus and one in Houston. Elaine misses her MWC friends.

Nancy McDonald Legat and husband Dan, both retired, spend lots of time with their seven grandchildren, ages 8 to 20, do a little traveling, are active in church, and just simply enjoy being together! Nancy mentors a couple of girls at the school nearby and does some calligraphy and sewing.

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Christian Parrish Roberts' husband, Hunter Wood, had a shoulder replacement, they both had 5-level lumbar fusions, and they both are still recovering. Christian retired from U.Va.'s IT department after 21 years and is weathering the down market. Her daughter, Isabel, is in Houston with daughter, Taylor, 9. In June, Christian visited with **Cathy Tyng** and husband Roger Thurber, who were in Charlottesville for a memorial service for Cathy's mother. Cathy and Roger have retired and are living in Massachusetts.

> *Patsy Jones Lingle Mazzocco '67 and her husband, Felix, grow avocados on their California property and have almost 200 trees.*

Anne Middleton Woehr and husband Fred lived in Buffalo and Albany, N.Y. for about 27 years before they moved to New England 12 years ago. Anne traveled to Virginia earlier this year; she and Fred have a beach cottage in Deltaville, Va., and their oldest daughter lives in Alexandria.

Jean Eley Thompson's son, Jamie, planned to marry in June. The bride, Justine, is a wonderful woman whom they really like, and Jean is happy both are employed "with benefits (YAY!)" and that they live in Virginia Beach, which "isn't too close or too far away." Jean and her husband still travel with the RV club and spent several weeks in their trailer at Sandbridge this summer.

After 35 years, Frank and **Eileen Curley Baker** have left Stamford, Conn., for downtown New Haven, a block from the Yale campus. They sold their house and bought two co-ops, so they have room for guests! In 2002, Eileen retired after 27 years teaching high school math, and Frank plans to retire next year from his law practice, so they thought a college town would have lots for them to do – museums, lectures, theater. Their four children are pursuing vastly different occupations – Kirstie is a lawyer in Boston; Ben is working on the restoration of a 16th-century monastery in Italy that will be used for the arts; Alissa is in her second year of medical school and plans to specialize in pediatric oncology; and Samantha, with a degree from Yale Drama School, is working in the costume shop of Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. Eileen volunteers at church, cooks, and travels.

> *Betty McClaskey '68, a senior vice president at City National Bank for the last 25 years, serves on the Government Relations Council of the Florida Bankers Association, which addresses legislative and regulatory issues facing the industry and makes an annual trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressmen and senators, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, and other regulators.*

Betty McClaskey has worked at City National Bank for the last 25 years as a senior vice president. The bank's owner, Leonard Abess, was recognized by President Obama for his generosity in giving employees a portion of his profits on the sale of the bank. Betty has again been nominated to serve on the Government Relations Council of the Florida Bankers Association, which addresses legislative and regulatory issues facing the industry and makes an annual trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressmen and senators, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, and other regulators. This will be the fourth year Betty participated in these lobbying efforts, quite an honor. This spring Betty went on a yoga retreat in Peru and visited Machu Picchu. In July, she toured Israel and took a day trip into Jordan to see the ancient city of Petra.

Pam Tompkins Huggins finds her nonprofit work very gratifying and necessary in the small community of Staunton, Va. Husband Jim works full time. In May, Pam and Jim hosted the backyard wedding of daughter Katie and fiancé Andrew, whom Katie met in the Peace Corps. They exchanged the same marriage vows that Pam and Jim wrote for each other in 1974, and there was not a dry eye in the house! Grandchildren Aimee, 10, and Sara, 7 – daughters of oldest daughter Sally and her husband, Mark – were junior bridesmaids, and Aimee played the flute.

Pam and Jim visited the newlyweds in San Francisco, where I met Pam and Jim for coffee – what fun to see them and catch up! After San Francisco, they headed to Los Angeles to attend daughter Jamie's graduation from nursing school.

Professional artist **Susan Burho Hensley**, a retired instructor for Virginia Tech in speech communications and ESL, continues to show multimedia work in the Blacksburg area. This fall her work will be in a two-person show at Mill Mountain in Roanoke, and in 2010, she will have a solo show at the Virginia Tech Holtzman Alumni Center. She donates her art to local worthy causes such as Virginia Interfaith Child Care Center, NRV Cares, Virginia Tech Faculty Women's Club for student scholarships, and such national causes as The American Heart Association.

After 41 years, **Linda Ritter Estes** decided it was time to write to Class Notes! She has been married to Ronald Estes since 1970, and they work together operating Battlefield Roofing Company, which Ron started with two others in 1988. Ron was

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injured in a construction accident in 2001 and now works part time. Linda and Ron are active in church, and they travel, mostly to Colorado and Texas to visit the kids and grandkids. First child Matt, born in 1976, went to Virginia Tech, and lives in Houston with his wife and children – Noah, Micha, 6, Caleb, 4, and Isaac, 2. Daughter Kelly, born in 1978, manages a sports bar in Denver, Colo. Linda taught math in Fairfax County from 1968 until their third child, Katie, was born in 1982. Katie teaches preschool special education in Richmond and had October wedding plans.

Grace Barrett Dahmke was a day student at MWC, and has lived in Florida since 1985 with her husband and sons. All six Barrett girls attended Mary Washington; five graduated and one transferred to Auburn. Two of the sisters, Margaret Hein and Bobby Crisp, still live in Stafford County, Va., so Grace considers Fredericksburg home. Grace reminisced about two physical education teachers who passed away – Mildred Droste and Miriam Greenberg – and her interactions with them when the phys ed office was right next to the day students' room in Ann Carter Lee Hall.

Ash and I enjoy the opportunity to live in the Bay area and experience all it has to offer. I work in San Francisco as the manager of education research dissemination for the Regional Educational Laboratory West at WestEd. Ash is vice president and chief financial officer of SAFE security alarm company in the East Bay. After "camping out" for six months in an apartment, we rented a townhouse in Walnut Creek and hoped to be in by mid-September. Our daughter, Anne, and family are still in Denver; Spencer started second grade and Maddy has entered middle school and sixth grade. Todd, Bec, and Maya, 2, remain in Melbourne, Australia. We look forward to going Down Under for Christmas, and to welcoming their second child in early January 2010!

Thanks to those who provided news updates for this column. Now it's YOUR turn! Drop me a line so I can share your news next time.

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Greetings to all of you in the Class of 1969! I am your new class agent, and I look forward to hearing from all of you. Thank you to **Jean Polk Hanky** for all of her hard work and dedication as our outstanding Class Agent for the past few years. She is going to be a hard act to follow!

For those of you who were unable to attend the fantastic reunion we had in May, you missed a great weekend. **Christie Wineholt**, chair of the Reunion Planning Committee, did an unbelievable job of planning so that we had fun from the minute we arrived. Everything ran perfectly due to her hard work and that of her committee. **Linda Gattis Shull** and **Barbara Burton Micou**, co-chairs of the Reunion Giving Committee, also did their job well – our class won the "Highest Number of Donors" award, with 159 members – 43 percent – of our class giving a total of more than $860,000. **Iris Harrell**, **Donna Cannon Julian**, **Jane Jackson Woerner**, and **Jean Polk Hanky** assisted Christie, Linda, and Barbara in planning the reunion. The Reunion Giving Committee consisted of the ladies just named and **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns**, **Linda Eadie Hood**, **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner**, and **Linda Marett Disosway**. Our very own **Patti Boise Kemp**, Alumni Association Reunion Chairman for all classes, did an outstanding job of overseeing the weekend for all classes and made us all proud that she is one of ours.

At reunion, the Friday evening opening reception gave us all a chance to see Brompton again and be welcomed by President Judy Hample. Later, 82 members of our class dined at Brock's Riverside Grill; **Christie Wineholt** and **Linda Gattis Shull** planned this fantastic event! **Patti Boise Kemp** put together a wonderful slide show with pictures from our college days – lots of memories, big hair, and mini-skirts. Saturday morning, many attended lectures by professors William Crawley and Bulent Atalay. The class picnic brought more visiting, but Saturday was topped off with the Reunion Celebration Reception and Banquet followed by Dessert Under the Stars.

Lucy Bowles Wayne '69 is co-owner and vice president of SouthArc, Inc., a 20-year-old Gainesville, Fla., consulting firm providing archaeological and historic services, primarily for environmental permitting. Lucy serves as President of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), a national trade association of firms like hers, and will have a book published by the University of Alabama Press on the 18th- and 19th- century sugar plantations of East Florida.

Barbara Burton Micou was presented with the Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award for her many years of dedication to UMW, including service on the Board of Visitors and the Alumni Association Board of Directors and as president of the Alumni Association. **Catherine O'Connor Woteki**, a nutritional epidemiologist, was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. She is Global Director of Scientific Affairs with Mars Inc., where she manages the company's scientific and regulatory positions on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety. Before this, she was Dean of Agriculture and Professor of Human Nutrition at Iowa State University. She has served as Under Secretary for Food Safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Deputy Associate Director for Science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. She also is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Our class took two of the three awards presented at the banquet, leaving only the Young Alumnus Merit Award, but we weren't eligible for that! Sunday morning, many of us enjoyed the Farewell Brunch at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center. We are all looking forward to the next Reunion in 2014, and many are planning mini-reunions in the meantime.

Two of our classmates traveled great distances to attend reunion. **Linda "Lyn" Howell Gray** came from Monrovia, Liberia, and **Carol Hewitt Guida** came from Canberra, Australia. Lyn and husband Jim were in Liberia in the 1970s with the Peace Corps, kept contacts there, and returned six years ago after the Liberian civil war ended. She and Jim returned to work there to help Liberians serve their own people. Lyn works at the Liberian YMCA with many adults under 30, which she says is great fun. She is the only foreigner and is considered quite old, so as an "Ol' Ma" (respected older woman), her ideas and advice receive more attention than your average 60-something woman in the U.S. Lyn and Jim were able to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary during their trip home. Lyn also attended a mini-reunion with suitemates **CeCe Smith Riffer** and **Ann Simpson Brackett**, hosted by **Donna Cannon Julian**.

Carol Hewitt Guida went to Philadelphia to live after graduation and is grateful to **Ginny Cross Wood** for urging her to do so. Carol did social research, taught in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, and completed her architecture degree in 1981. Carol, husband Hal, and sons Jim and John, moved to Canberra, Australia, for Hal's work on the design and construction of the Australian Parliament House. Carol took the boys with her to work in more remote industrial or rural communities – wonderful experiences for them all – and clients in these communities still remain cherished friends. Before

long, her sons were calling her "mum" and Canberra had become home.

Carol worked as director of the undergraduate course in architecture at the university in Canberra. She volunteers with a non-governmental organization that provides educational and technical assistance for income-producing projects in the poorest part of Indonesia, close to Australia. Hal continues to design schools, universities, and sustainable communities in the Pacific region. Son John is an architect, son Jim is a writer, and they both live in New York City. Carol enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion and feels huge gratitude to UMW for opening her eyes to so many wonderful people and places in the world.

Pat Akers had planned to attend reunion, but had to have knee replacement surgery May 28. She is walking better than ever, took her first long post-op trip to Oak Island, Ga., and hopes to make our 45th reunion.

Barbara Churney Suhre couldn't make reunion, but sends her best wishes to all. She would love to reconnect with roommate **Judy Anker Gabel**, but has no idea where she is. Barbara's four years of retirement have gone quickly. She and husband Bart enjoy time with family, friends, and each other. They visited Glacier, Grand Teton, and Yellowstone national parks and saw sister-in-law **Marie Bast Suhre '68** and husband Dave, who live in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Barbara and Bart are part-time caregivers for their two pre-school grandchildren; they find it very rewarding to help nurture and give the children a good start. Once the grandchildren were back to school, they planned to travel, starting in Alaska.

Anne Hugh Douglas Randolph and her guest had a Reunion Weekend dinner with **Pat Gwaltney McGinnis** and her husband, Dr. Bulent Atalay of

Sheila L. Shadmand opened the new six-lawyer Dubai office of Jones Day this year, which meant moving to the Middle East and a male-dominated legal community.

Attorney Rises to Unprecedented Heights

Sheila L. Shadmand '95, one of the first female partners of a U.S. law firm in the Middle East, marvels at the stunning view from her high-rise apartment in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Burj Dubai, the world's tallest building at 2,684 feet and "the most amazing modern architectural feat I've seen with my own eyes" soars above a spectacular skyline, Shadmand said.

The iconic structure mirrors the development of Dubai, situated along the southern coast of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula. Its location at the crossroads of Asia, Europe, and Africa has made Dubai an economic hub and a logical choice for Shadmand's international law firm, Jones Day, to establish a presence. She was assigned to open the new office of six lawyers and moved to Dubai from Washington, D.C., in March of this year.

Shadmand's professional "first" follows a personal one: She was the first person in her family born outside of Iran. While most of her family had to flee Iran during the revolution, a couple of aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides of her family remain there. The Virginia Beach native is fluent in Farsi and French. She chose Mary Washington because of the people she met during a campus visit – "smart, motivated, down-to-earth, and concerned more with the world around them than themselves," she said.

A theater and English major, Shadmand credits the influence of professors Gregg Stull (Theatre and Dance), Allyson Poska (History), and Christopher Kilmartin (Psychology); she has remained "really good friends" with all of them. She auditioned for several production companies but was unnerved by the looming financial instability of an acting career. The idea of studying law occurred to her just before graduation, so she took the law school admission test "on a complete whim." The actor-turned-attorney earned a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1998.

Shadmand has spent her entire career with Jones Day, one of the world's largest and most geographically diverse law firms. "I was drawn to the people at Jones Day in many of the same ways I was drawn to the people at Mary Washington," she said. "They are committed to each other, the institution, and their communities as a whole, above their own personal gain – a rare find for a firm of Jones Day's size and stature." Shadmand, an international litigation specialist, has represented a variety of *Fortune 500* clients. In a case that has received widespread media attention, she also represents the National Security Archive, a nonprofit organization that collects and publishes declassified documents. In September 2007, Shadmand filed a lawsuit on its behalf to recover and preserve millions of emails that had been deleted from White House servers between March 2003 and October 2005, or roughly covering the time of the decision to invade Iraq to the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. The case is ongoing.

The nature of her work in Dubai differs from that in Washington, Shadmand said. "The legal system [in Dubai] is evolving, so there is opportunity to shape and influence." She represents international organizations in a diverse range of complex commercial disputes before a variety of judicial and arbitral bodies, and she advises clients on issues unique to international business.

Her firm also has a strong commitment to pro bono work. In July 2008, Shadmand took up a difficult case involving a 48-year-old Iranian woman who fled to the United States seeking asylum from political persecution in Iran. In 2002, her husband, a military doctor in Iran, was kidnapped, tortured, and detained at the hands of the Iranian military because of his political activism. When he escaped from prison and fled to Italy with their daughter, the Iranian government filed a warrant for his wife's arrest. She then fled Iran with her teenage son, and the two were granted asylum in the United States earlier this year. Shadmand and the team of Jones Day lawyers responsible for obtaining asylum for the Iranian woman are now in the process of reuniting the family.

Shadmand, who is single, has adapted to life in cosmopolitan Dubai. The greater – and mutual, she acknowledges – adjustment has been within the male-dominated legal community. "But I'm confident that the environment will grow and change and that many more women, both Eastern and Western, will become leaders in that region," she added. "It's fun and exciting to be leading the way."

– Nancy Alexander

the physics department and his wife, and Dr. Vic Fingerhut of the political science department and his wife. Anne retired from the EPA in 2008 and lives in Washington, D.C. She recently visited Stratford Hall, Robert E. Lee's home in the Northern Neck of Virginia, and saw several other historic homes there and across the state. Anne serves on the board of trustees of her high school alma mater, Stuart Hall in Staunton, Va. Anne would like to know if anyone has contact with **Sudie Bagley Heartwell**.

Nina Rountree attended Mary Washington for two years, transferred to ODU for 18 months, and finished at UMW. She majored in languages and taught for three years, including an 18-month stint out West on an Indian reservation. She has worked for 26 years in social services in Portsmouth, where she grew up. She lives in Norfolk, hikes as a member of the Appalachian Trail Club, loves Italy, and travels to Europe every other year to indulge her interest in art and architecture.

Suzanne McCarthy Van Ness, of Atherton, Calif., majored in psychology, worked in high school admissions counseling, and has been a travel agent for many years. She married her Marine boyfriend right out of college; they were happily married for 30 years until he passed away in April 2000. Suzanne has a son in D.C., and twin daughters, one in California and one in Surrey, England. She also has two grandchildren. Suzanne stopped off to see her son in D.C. on the way to the Chelsea Flower Show in England in June. She lives in the same part of California as **Iris Harrell**, and says Iris is a well-respected businesswoman in the area.

Lucy Bowles Wayne, an art history major, enjoys reading our Class Notes and was reminded with the last edition that she had never submitted anything. Lucy and husband Marty (engineering, U.Va., 1968) have lived in Gainesville, Fla., since 1976. She has a master's degree in anthropology, specializing in archaeology, and a doctorate in architecture, specializing in historic preservation. She is co-owner and vice president of SouthArc, Inc., a 20-year-old consulting firm providing archaeological and historic services – primarily for environmental permitting.

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In September, Lucy became President of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), a national trade association of firms like hers. The University of Alabama Press will publish a book by Lucy on the 18th- and 19th-century sugar plantations of East Florida. Lucy and Marty have two children – Alex, a journalist with *Congressional Quarterly* in D.C., and Michelle, who is on the administrative staff at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Shelly Gunderson Brown missed reunion, but she sends her best wishes. Retired three years from teaching lower school French at Charlotte Latin School, Shelly continues to do substitute teaching there and admission testing for the kindergarten. This allows her to travel often to visit family in Alexandria, Va. Husband Charles continues to work in sales. They have one son, Adam, who is married and resides in Leesburg, Va., with his wife and two children.

Ann Simpson Brackett retired from WestEd in the summer of 2008 and lives in the Boston area near her three daughters. Husband John is a school superintendent. Ann is eager to have a mini-reunion with her French house buddies **Linda "Lyn" Howell Gray**, **CeCe Smith Riffer** of Williamsburg, Va., **Betty Jo Shoemaker Polk** of Hilton Head, S.C., and **Donna Cannon Julian** in Wilmington, Del.

Jean Polk Hanky reported at our Reunion Class Dinner that the Class of 1969 Laura V. Sumner Scholarship, awarded annually to an entering freshman, is not renewable, so a new freshman recipient is chosen each year by the financial aid office. At reunion, the market value of our scholarship was $54,209, and last year's award was $3,550. Donations to the scholarship can be made at any time, and gifts to the Annual Fund can be designated to our class scholarship.

Linda Gattis Shull wants everyone to please post pictures from reunion on our "UMW Class of 1969" Facebook page. You have to have a Facebook account to do this and to see the photos others have posted, but it is very easy to set up an account.

I hope everyone had a great summer and fall. Please email me your updates. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

1970 Reunion Weekend

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Martha Pickard Zink and her husband have homes in Baltimore and Bethany Beach, Del., but they spend most of their time in Kiawah Island, S.C. Their older son, Doug, is a builder in Charlottesville. Younger son Matt is a mortgage banker and lives in Baltimore with his wife, Amy; daughter Hannah, 4; and son James, 2. Martha enjoys spending as much time with her grandchildren as she can.

Joyce Burcham '70 spent six months in Geneva working on a new treatment for multiple sclerosis on a contract with Merck. In 2008, she conducted a national government study on breast cancer in Sydney, Australia.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her husband, Bob, sold their home in Portsmouth, Va., and are renting an apartment in Williamsburg, Va., while their new home is being built there. They visited their son, Forrest, and his family in Sammamish, Wash., last January. Forrest, a mountain climber, hiked Mount Rainier last year, and his children, Alex, 7, and Blake, 5, really enjoy skiing and hiking. Ellen and Bob also visited their son, Morgan, his wife, Lesley, and their grandson, Andrew, 3, in Fredericksburg, Va.

Joyce Burcham spent January and February 2009 in Virginia to be with her mother, who passed away. **Cathy Haringer Christensen** is the lawyer for her mother's estate. Joyce renovated her Manhattan apartment and welcomes any classmates to come and visit; she hopes to build on her family's property in rural Albemarle County in 2010. Joyce's retirement came to an abrupt halt when she spent six months in Geneva working on a new treatment for multiple sclerosis on a contract with Merck. She visited Lyon, Paris, and Venice, where she attended Easter Sunday Mass at the Basilica di San Marco. In 2008, she conducted a national government study on breast cancer in Sydney, Australia. While there, Joyce took a course in seafood grilling at the Sydney Fish Markets. She is looking at a position with a major pharmaceutical company.

Jan Sullivan Chalmers took a course in mediation, a natural progression from her work as staff ombudsman at American Express. Jan's daughter, Hannah, is a junior in high school and hopes for an internship at the CDC in Atlanta on a medical or epidemiological project.

Martha Veasey Sawyer had an emergency appendectomy at the end of a bus trip to Atlantic City last May. Four weeks later, she was recovering well, walking four miles a day, and enjoying gardening. She and Roger joined **Kaye Webster Gary** and husband Bob and **Mary Jane Johnson Tyler** and husband Hugh in Annapolis, Md., for a mini-reunion in June. **Diane Sampson Luttrell** and husband Bobby missed the gathering due to the arrival of another grandchild. Kaye has her own production company, K Dance, and produces and performs in a show along with other invited dance artists once a year, along with teaching dance classes. She enjoys it and has done some acting

in Richmond. Kaye and Bob enjoy their vacation home on the Chesapeake Bay in Kilmarnock, Va.

Mary Jane teaches high school near their home in Birdsboro, Pa., near Reading. Hugh is retired and enjoys substitute teaching in the elementary schools in the area. They are active in their church and Mary Jane enjoys singing in the choir. They have two married sons, four grandchildren, and they expected another grandchild in the fall. They visited the Canadian Rockies in summer 2008, and last summer they visited the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone and planned to visit Toronto and the Canadian side of Niagara Falls.

Ted and I have enjoyed several cooking classes – and some delicious Italian and French meals – at an inn near our home. The classes are really fun, although they're more of a social and wine-drinking occasion than a serious class, but participation is encouraged and welcomed. Last May we joined several members of my family in Blacksburg for my niece's graduation from Virginia Tech. Don't forget that our 40th reunion is coming up soon. Please send me some news to share with our classmates.

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Class of 1974, we had a terrific 35th reunion in May, and it was great seeing all of you. For those who didn't make it, mark your calendars now for the 40th. Mary Washington included an Alumni College on Thursday and Friday featuring classes on topics relevant to current events and of interest to the alumni. **Suzy Passarello Quenzer** and I attended both days and highly recommend it. We had a fantastic dinner Friday night at Ristorante Renato in downtown Fredericksburg; **Lisa Tyree Sweeney**'s brother, Jeremy Tyree, created a slide show of our yearbook pictures and other candid shots provided by class members, all set to great music of the 1970s, for our entertainment.

The picnic, under tents between Virginia and Willard halls, was the best yet, the food and accommodations were first rate, as were the Saturday night banquet and Dessert Under the Stars. The reunion planning committee, **Peg Hubbard**, **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, **Suzy Passarello Quenzer**, and **Sid Baker Etherington**, had a great time planning it and will be looking for ideas to make the 40th even better. Our class was also financially generous, and we can thank **Leslie Tilghman** and **Pamela White** for their great work. We need to keep the momentum going, so please let us know what is happening to you all so we can keep the rest of the class informed.

1975 *Reunion Weekend*

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Carol Pappas Bartold finished the first year of her two-year master of fine arts degree program at Sarah Lawrence College. She has begun her thesis, and she says she has a very good start on it. Last winter was a far cry from her former balmy Southern California home! Carol kept her schedule full singing with several groups, both locally and in New York City. In January, she went to Fredericksburg for a few days on her way to Richmond for the annual organ students' reunion with **Peggy Reinburg**. Carol said the campus was lovely, and she noticed quite a bit of construction and refurbishment going on. Carol had dinner with **Terri Brugioni Tabak**, who was in town helping her dad through recuperation after surgery. Carol got a nice grant in the spring to do an oral history project on a school desegregation incident in Delaware in 1954. Last summer, Carol worked part time on campus in the Controller's Office, so she had time to write. She also enjoyed New York City and looked at musical groups to audition for later.

Jackie Ewansky Bryan has been living near Tampa, Fla., since 1980. After receiving her master's degree in dance education from Columbia University, she taught dance at Keuka College, Saint Leo University, the University of South Florida, and the University of Tampa. In 2007, she received a master's degree in library and information science from the University of San Francisco and recently became an assistant professor and reference and instructional services librarian at Saint Leo. Her husband, Rich, is a professor of psychology there and also served as dean of arts and sciences. Their older son, Richie, is a senior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in advertising and graphic design. Younger son Eric is a freshman at the University of Florida, majoring in biology. Jackie still keeps in touch with former MWC dance professor Mariana Bauman DeVine and classmates **Kathy Magyar Lutte**, **Lynne Leopold**, and **Kate "Mary K." Hudgins**.

Liz Wilson Buchanan and husband John returned to the U.S. and Fredericksburg after almost 17 years in Germany and England. Two years ago, he retired after 34 years of civil service with the Army, and he is working at the Pentagon as a government contractor. John keeps busy with Masonic endeavors. Their daughter, **Kathryn "Katy" Buchanan '99**, and her son, Nicholas, lived with them for three of the past six years. Katy and **Paul Storer '99** married in Fredericksburg in September 2008. Liz and John's sons, John and James, both live in Fredericksburg. John attended UMW and joined the Marines in 2001, where he served twice in Iraq and in Haiti; he works for a local security firm. James attended Christopher Newport University and Thomas Nelson Community College, and he works for GEICO. Liz is an avid quilter who has done a million projects and lots of teaching. She works part time at a local quilt shop and volunteers, including for UMW's "A Taste of Home" baking program for students.

Vicki Jorgensen spent 28 years in the printing and publishing field, the last eight with the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a senior production associate for *Science* magazine. Vicki has multiple sclerosis, which caused her to leave that enjoyable job; now on disability, she has moved back in with her parents, and they all take care of each other. Due to her disability, Vicki spends most of her time watching TV, reading, tending to about seven feral cats, and corresponding via email with past colleagues and friends. Vicki has been in touch with freshmen Betty-Lewis-suite-mates **Mandy Baker** and **Cassy Laub**, both of whom left after her first year. Vicki would love to hear from all of her old Mary Washington pals.

Brenda Page is president and CEO of her small personal injury law firm of 27 years, Page & Associates Law Office, P.C., in Richmond. She primarily represents people who have been injured in accidents, by defective products, and medical malpractice.

Melanie Varnerin Viscelli works as a director for a child-care management company, and she's going to school evenings to become a licensed esthetician. She divorced in January, and has one daughter, Christina, 16, at home. Daughter Elissa, 22, graduated from Temple University in May and is an underwriter for Travelers Insurance. Sadly, Melanie's dad passed away on the day of Elissa's graduation. Our condolences go to Melanie on her loss. Melanie's son, Tom, an Army captain, remained as a civilian in Europe for a couple of years after two tours to Iraq. He is looking for a job doing government contract work, probably in the Middle East

Lina Scott Woodall's daughter, Sarah, graduated from U.Va. in May 2008 with a degree in sociology and a minor in Spanish.

A manager at Siips Wine and Champagne Bar in Charlottesville, Sarah plans to go to graduate school next year. Lina let us know that **Susan Descari Early** lost her father in November of last year. Our condolences go to Susan on her loss.

My news: Our daughter, Taylor, started as a freshman at the University of Kansas last August, so we've joined the ranks of the empty nesters! Rock Chalk Jayhawks!

SAVE THE DATE! Our 35th Reunion Weekend will be next spring, June 4 to 6, 2009, the weekend following the Memorial Day holiday. Please make plans to attend! The new weekend format will provide enhanced opportunities for classes to get together, as well as ample time to tour the campus, attend faculty lectures, and visit downtown Fredericksburg. Please join us!

Thanks to everyone who provided news for this issue. It's always a lot of fun to hear how people are doing. If you haven't thought about submitting your news, we'd love to hear from you!

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1980 *Reunion Weekend*

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Ford Hart '80 spent 10 months as the foreign policy advisor at Multi-National Corps-Iraq, where he worked out of a monstrous Saddam Hussein-era palace at Camp Victory, the huge U.S. military base on the western side of Baghdad.

Ford Hart is delighted to be back in Arlington; he returned in May from a 10-month assignment as the foreign policy advisor at Multi-National Corps-Iraq, the command exercising operation control of coalition forces across the country. He worked not at the embassy but in a monstrous Saddam Hussein-era palace at Camp Victory, the huge military base on the western side of Baghdad. "It was fascinating work," Ford wrote, "and I was honored to be there at a time when conditions were improving for most Iraqis. The family separation was no fun, however, and I have intense sympathy for military families, thousands of which face repeated separations in the years ahead."

Ford's wife, Kay, stayed home with daughters Alice, 10, and Ellen, 5. In September, he started a two-year assignment as the foreign policy advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations; he works out of the Pentagon and accompanies the CNO on his international travel. "Great boss, great account," Ford said.

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I got great updates from many of our classmates. **Cindy Dunnavant Watkins** lives in Roxboro, N.C., with her husband, who runs an aviation business, and two children – one in college and one high schooler. She is the executive director of an early education program in North Carolina called "Smart Start." It was started about 15 years ago and serves as a model for many other state programs, including one in Virginia.

Lisa Blais Thurman stays busy with Creative Memories and keeping up with her children. Daughter Caly, 23, teaches sixth-grade language arts. Son Jay graduated from the Naval Academy and is off to Pensacola for training as a naval flight officer. Daughter Julie excels in school and dance and hopes to pursue an acting career. Lisa's husband, Pat, teaches and coaches a top-rated NJROTC unit.

Bettie Reader Maute and husband Don celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2008; they have lived in the Memphis, Tenn., area since 1995. Bettie works in the Shelby County Schools and has traveled extensively to the Ukraine. Daughter Emily works at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, and son Justin attends the University of Memphis.

Hillary Keel '82 moved to Vienna, Austria, one month after graduation to see the world and improve her German. A divorced mother of two Austrian-American young adults, ages 23 and 21, she teaches part time at the University of Applied Sciences in St. Polten. She is also pursuing a master of fine arts in creative writing.

Diana Norton Elwell and husband **Michael Elwell '83** also celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2008. Six years ago they moved from Rhode Island to Texas – the littlest state to the biggest. Their kids love it: oldest daughter is a college senior; son finished his freshman year at University of North Texas. They also have a high-school-aged daughter and an eighth grader at home.

In January, **Barbara Wilson Reese** was appointed deputy policy director in the office of Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine. She had served as his deputy secretary of transportation, and she leads Virginia's efforts to bring Metrorail to Dulles International Airport.

Nancy Kaiser is enjoying a new-found closeness to her parents, who relocated to a neighboring Delaware town after 32 years in Florida. They often come over for dinner and to visit Nancy and partner Mary's three rescue Scottie dogs. Nancy and Mary planned a summer cruise to Nova Scotia and looked forward to seeing the Bay of Fundy (Remember Dr. Bowen's Anglo class?).

During a visit to Fredericksburg for Judy Hample's inauguration, Nancy and Mary visited **Missy Betak Webb** and her daughter, Natalie, at her historic home there. Missy works at the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center. Nancy also stays in touch with **Mia McCall**, who recently returned to the States from a multi-year assignment in Copenhagen. She and husband Victor Barina will spend the next three years or so living in the D.C. area.

Jenifer Blair finished her first year as director of college counseling at Boys Latin School of Maryland and loves being on the "other side" of the admissions process. She also enjoys participating in student activities – she accompanied a group to New Orleans to work on a Habitat for Humanity project, and she even chaperoned prom. She planned to take her mom to Lyon and Paris in August. She shared that **Rosann Sedlacko Brown**'s daughter,

Libby, was accepted to the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Richmond – a big deal.

Cindy Hart Gordineer '81 called Jenifer to reminisce about Michael Jackson's music. Cindy and husband Brian run the Piney Grove B&B outside of Williamsburg. **Annmarie Cozzi** recently returned from a Bermuda cruise to celebrate her parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

I am a novice on Facebook, but I have friended several of you in the hopes of sharing news with other classmates. I found **Hillary Keel**, who was a German and English major; she moved to Vienna, Austria, one month after graduation to see the world and improve her German. Hillary is a divorced mother of two Austrian-American young adults, ages 23 and 21, and she teaches part time at the University of Applied Sciences in St. Polten. She is also pursuing a master of fine arts in creative writing.

Last fall, I attended a mini reunion in Delaware with Jenifer Blair, Annmarie Cozzi, **Debbie Snyder Barker**, and Nancy Kaiser. JB and Nancy recently joined me for a Virginia Beach weekend, and we spent one happy evening searching Facebook and going through my college memories "tub." My work keeps me busy and I have joined several non-profit boards here in Virginia Beach. To celebrate 14 years of breast cancer survivor status (please knock on wood), I will run the Marine Corps marathon as a participant in the Marathon for the Cure organization. Please stay in touch – join Facebook – your kids can walk you through it – and call if you are ever in the Virginia Beach area.

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> ***Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin '87 won Miss Congeniality in the Mrs. Tennessee International Pageant for 2009, and she co-hosted the first Tennessee Top Model Competition.***

From Kim: I am on Facebook now, so I really want to hear from a lot of people; find me by searching Kim Jones Isaac. I'm also in the Mary Washington College alumni network. I would love to have a lot of updates for each issue of the magazine, and I know that everybody wants to know what everybody else is up to.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin's husband, Jim, is working for the Putnam County Election Commission, and he is still doing part-time work for the radio station cluster that Jane Ellen had worked for. In late 2008, Jane Ellen won Miss Congeniality in the Mrs. Tennessee International Pageant for 2009, and she co-hosted the first Tennessee Top Model Competition, which she is doing again this year. She still broadcasts daily through her website and iTunes downloads.

In addition to Jane Ellen's show, recipes, blog, gardening tips, and domestic news, her website features a celebrity news column called *Eda's Hollywood Vine*, written by fellow '87 alum **Eda Spivey Price**. You can contact Jane Ellen through her website, Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. She is writing a cookbook and has two blonde-haired, blue-eyed daughters – Anna Grace, 4, and Jenna Marie, 3.

> ***Julie Booth Burkett and Debbie Schluter Bauer, both members of the Class of '91, live across the street from each other in Roanoke, Va.***

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Greetings, Class of 1991! I hope everyone is doing well.

Here's what's new: **Stephanie Myers Michalowicz** runs her own family coaching business, Achieve and Believe Through Coaching, LLC (ABCoaching). She helps individuals, families, children, teens, and parents set and reach goals, and she speaks to churches, daycares, schools, PTAs, parent groups, etc

Denise Mickelson Campbell and husband **Todd Campbell '92** live in the Fredericksburg area with their two boys, Cody, 11, and Jonathan, 8. Denise was named library director for the National Defense Intelligence College/ Defense Intelligence Agency library. She has been in this field since graduating from Florida State University, and she previously served as a cataloger and the head of technical services. Todd is head football coach for Spotsylvania's Riverbend High School, where he teaches. He had been defensive coordinator at Riverbend, and earlier he was offensive coordinator for C.D. Hylton High School in Prince William County, Va. Cody and Jonathan are excited about being ball boys for the team; they enjoy baseball and flag football.

In April, some people got together to celebrate **Mark Mesterhazy**'s birthday. Frank and I had fun catching up with **Todd Stayin** and **Steve Wohleking**, both of whom live in Northern Virginia. Todd plays in a band called Homesick Alien. Mark and wife Kim enjoy daughter Morgan, 3, and both teach in Prince William County. Mark sends this note to the class of 1991, "Congratulations or OMG (chose your own opinion)! Most of us have hit 40 and have known each other longer out of college than prior to it. Yikes!"

Todd Spangler threw a surprise 40th birthday party for wife **Nicole Franchois Spangler** in May with many neighbors, family, and friends in attendance, as well as Todd and Nicole's three children: Emily, Madison, and Andrew. We enjoyed the celebration with fellow Mary Washington grads **Dana Scarponi Petto**, **Mark Mesterhazy**, and **Katherine Moore Counsell '92**, and their families.

Julie Booth Burkett welcomed baby Jessica Claire on Sept. 26, 2008; she joined big sister Olivia. Julie went on a great 40th birthday trip to Austin, Texas, in April with **Andria Kushan**, **Laura Hilton English**, **Lisa Greene**, and **Amy Goulstone Gronlund**. **Debbie Schluter Bauer** moved in across the street from Julie in Roanoke!

Andria Kushan went to graduate school for advertising and is now a copy writer at an ad agency in Dallas, Texas. **George Asiello**, wife Beth, and daughter Rylee are doing well and living in Northern Virginia, where George is a counselor.

Meredith Moseley Chisholm and husband Chad welcomed baby Hayes in May. Big brother Connor, 6, finished kindergarten and is adjusting well to his little brother. Meredith is a software developer at SAS Institute in Cary, N.C.

Pete Fox, wife **Laura Lohr Fox '90**, Brady, 12, Cassidy, 8, and Mackenzie 5, live near us in Stafford, Va. Pete is an accountant for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.; Laura volunteers at the kids' schools; and both parents are involved in the children's activities, including baseball, soccer, and gymnastics.

Stephanie Michalowicz '91 runs her own family coaching business. She helps individuals, families, children, teens, and parents set and reach goals, and she speaks to churches, daycares, schools, PTAs, and parent groups.

Megan Donnelly Cyr's daughter, Maggie, nearly 4, attends preschool at the same school Megan attended. Megan, a dental hygienist in Northern Virginia, hosted an Irish college student for eight weeks this summer – her 13th intern over the last eight years. Megan and Maggie will travel to Ireland to visit some of her past interns and their families. Megan has enjoyed re-connecting with Mary Washington friends on Facebook.

I heard from **Matt Downs '92**, who says hello to everyone; he enjoys life in Boston and his sales operations job for SAP.

It's hard to believe that our 20-year reunion is only two years away. It will be great to catch up with everyone in person. In the meantime, please keep your updates coming.

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Hello everyone from '92. My husband, John, and I, and our children, Mary Ella, 6, and Jack, 4, had a great year living in wonderful Tokyo, Japan. We made new friends, and we traveled to the beach in Shimoda, the snowy mountainous region of Hokkaido, and the beautiful area around Mount Fuji, known as Hakone. We felt earthquakes, studied Japanese, ate great food, and even learned to drive on the "wrong" side of the road. We also had a nice tropical South Pacific vacation in Guam. Now we have transferred back to the U.S.A., and are so happy to be home. We think we will love Chatham, N.J.; it feels like a small town yet is only a 45-minute train ride to Manhattan.

Hilary Holmes Anderson and husband John live in Arlington, Va., with children Natalie, 4, and Ryan, 7. Hilary works at the Drug Enforcement Agency and has been studying to become a certified naturalist through Arlington County.

Thanks to Facebook, I'm back in touch with **Dan Rothstein** of Fairfax, Va.; **Suzy Head Smartt** of Austin, Texas; **Sarah Perry Spalding**, in Orlando with daughters Izzy and Abby; **Karen Richardson**; **Brady Chapman** of Sarasota, Fla.; **Evelina Weidman**

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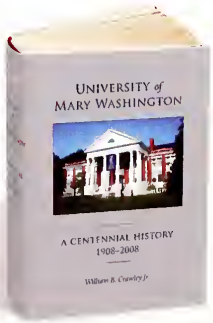

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Sterling of Georgia; **Robert Todd** of Richmond, Va.; and **Paul Pollard**, also of Richmond.

Please check Facebook, my user name is "Kate McCown," and feel free to send me updates there or via email. Many members of the Class of 1992 are on Facebook.

Heather Thompson Mosher finished a degree at Temple University in 2004, but she said she feels more like a Mary Washington alumna. She is pursuing a master of public administration degree in nonprofit management at George Mason. She planned to elope with Dean Mosher, she wrote, and had already begun to use her married name. Heather's son, Kieran, is 15.

Heather wrote that she was "aching" to get back in touch with her UMW friends. She is on Facebook and is back in touch with **Jim Crosby**, **Chris Johnson**, and **Randy Gustafson**. She reported that **Michael Smith** had had "another baby," and that **Kirstin Wolverton '93**, who entered with our class in 1988, is in the Northern Virginia area.

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The Class of 1994 had a fantastic Reunion Weekend this year. Co-chairs **Lesley Stewart St. James** and **Kathleen Slesnick Kauffman** did a great job, as did the amazing staff of the Alumni Office. Mary Washington has done a great job of incorporating new buildings in the style of the school, but it was disconcerting to see that Seacobeck has a sushi bar. These new kids are a little spoiled, I say!

Friday night before the reunion, **Amy Grillo Kales** and her husband, Jonathan, opened their home in Centreville to several old friends, including me. Amy and Jonathan have three great kids and their own family law practice. **Kelly Klimkiewicz Swartz**, a lawyer for the U.S. Navy, was there, as were **Brendan Kelly '95**, who works for the federal government in Charlottesville, and Brendan's wife **Corrie Henson Kelly**. **Maureen Keany Ahearn** and **Jen Lapasota Buchan** came in from Long Island, N.Y.; both are married with children and are looking and doing great! **Allyson Eubank Kinnard** and her husband, Mike, were in from San Diego; Allyson is a city planner in La Mesa, Calif., and a mom to the adorable and sweet Madeline.

At reunion, I got to spend time with **Jeff McClurken**, now chair of the UMW Department of History, his wife, **Jennifer "Jen" Orr '95**, and their two lovely children. And to think Jeff and I were dorm-mates almost 20 years ago! Of course, no reunion is complete without **Leah McNeil**, who is in Charlotte, N.C., with her guinea pigs. She is newly single, so watch out, Charlotte! **Amy Umberger** is a teacher with Spotsylvania County schools. **Marilyn Olsen** is doing well in Richmond. **Scooter Wooldridge** and Larry, his partner of 15 years, live in Washington, D.C., and travel more than anyone I know. We had a fun dinner and brunch with them.

As for me, I am in Phoenix, Ariz., where I am the South-West region director of admissions for Cortiva Institute of Massage Therapy. My partner, Mike, and I live in central Phoenix with our dachshunds, Belle and Sadie. I am active in community events and try to stay in shape by playing softball. I'm always happy to see any UMW alums who make it out to the Wild West, so feel free to look me up! Also, please email me any updates you would like included in the next edition of Class Notes.

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In April, **Carter Berkeley** married Rob Taylor at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Richmond, with a reception at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Pauley Center. After a relaxing honeymoon in St. Lucia, they live in Maryland. Carter is an attorney with Marriott International Inc.

Congratulations to **Colleen Minion Uuereb**, who graduated this June with a master of public administration degree from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

Julie Newell and **Nathan Leslie '94** celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on June 26. Julie continues her globe trotting: she flew over the famed Victoria Falls in a motorized hang glider, went on a safari in Botswana, and spent several days in Rome en route home. Not many people can boast that they have navigated both the Tiber and Zambezi rivers on the same trip!

Continuing her globe trotting, Julie Newell Leslie '97 flew over the famed Victoria Falls in a motorized hang glider, went on a safari in Botswana, and spent several days in Rome en route home.

Jason Terril traveled to Scotland and took a cross-country RV trip last spring. Jason caught up with **Jen Rees Schulze** and her husband, Will, in New Jersey over the July 4th weekend. Jen and Will also enjoyed seeing **Bridget Malone**.

Patrick Lohmeyer and **Suzette McLoone Lohmeyer** recently moved back overseas, this time to Tirana, Albania, with their two children, Aidan and Bridget. Patrick is working on an anti-corruption project with the government of Albania, and Suzette is a freelance writer. They plan to be there for two years.

Philadelphia was the reunion spot this May for **Susan Lee Metzger**, **Elise Balkin Ice**, **Abby Baird Bartley**, **Susan McAllister Walker**, and **Melinda Delvishio O'Neil**. Susan Metzger lives in Kansas with her husband, Monte; she competes in a few race events, including the Fort Riley 10-mile Prairie Run and the Waddell & Reed Half Marathon. Elise lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Jason, and works for a law firm. Abby is remodeling a home in Roanoke, Va., with her husband, Alan, and two sweet children. Susan Walker lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, Will, and two beautiful daughters. This year, Melinda and her husband, Sean, welcomed their second child, a boy. In between visits, the ladies keep up by Facebook. They are already planning next year's reunion spot – perhaps with a trip to Kansas!

Through the miracle of adoption, Kenny and **Jennifer Fearnow Elkins** welcomed Isaiah Joseph Elkins, born Dec. 30, 2008, to their family on Jan. 21, 2009. Isaiah is a strong, healthy boy who loves to smile and cuddle. Siblings Caleb, 7, and Lydia, 5, are great helpers and are super excited to have Isaiah as a part of the family.

In April, **Rob DeMayo** and **Alycia Bailey DeMayo** welcomed daughter Bailey Clara, born in Cape Town, South Africa, where Rob and Alycia live and work. Geoff and **Liz Weaver Williams** welcomed Tyler Joseph on May 6. Big sister Logan loves him to death and he has already gotten a visit from Auntie **Crystal Bulges** and Auntie **Aimee Lemieux Celio**.

Ryan Preston and **Katie O'Leary Preston** welcomed their second son, Henry O'Leary,

born on May 29. Craig and **Amy Szczepanski Evanego** welcomed Zachary James on June 5. Big brother Ryan, 3, enjoyed all the extra attention from visiting grandparents when mom was in the hospital. Elliot and **Angie Fleming Gibbs** welcomed their first child, Lacey Marie, on June 12. Angie practices appellate law at an insurance defense firm in Richmond. Johan and **Allyson Knudson Gallup** welcomed Hannah Irene Gallup to the world on June 26.

Suzette McLoone and Patrick Lohmeyer '97 have moved to Tirana, Albania, with their two children. Patrick is working on an anti-corruption project with the government of Albania, and Suzette is a freelance writer.

Luke Sbarra and his wife, Jennifer, were very excited about the anticipated October arrival of their second child, a boy, who would join older sister Emilia, 2. **Amanda Neptune Bridges** and her Air Force pilot husband will likely be in South Jersey, where he is stationed, until summer 2010. Their daughter, Kate, will be 5 this year, son Nick is 2, and they are expecting their third child in January 2010. Amanda is co-chair of the board of trustees at Kate's preschool. **Aryn Diggle Blanton** and husband Jeff, who have bought a home in Arlington, stopped by to see Amanda in New Jersey; they had just returned from a trip to Australia.

In July, Amanda; **Colette Strawn Johnson**; Colette's husband, **Mike Johnson '96**; **Mie Carter Devers**; and Mie's husband, Chris, gathered to mark the second anniversary of the passing of their dear friend, **Stephanie Rooney**, at her home in Maryland with Steph's family and other friends. Colette, a meteorologist, and Mike live in Centreville, Va., with two their great young boys, Alex and Zach. Mie, an assistant principal in Northern Virginia, recently retired from a stint in the Washington, D.C., roller derby. She and Chris had a relaxing and delicious vacation to a dairy farm in Wisconsin, where much cheese was consumed.

Amy Brown lives in Richmond, where she teaches special education preschool. **Kelley Sweeney** lives in St. Louis and is a flight attendant for American Airlines. **Brahim Asfahani** and wife **Tory Rendon Asfahani '96** live in Northern Virginia with their adorable little girls, Mirah and Lyla. **Anne Mason Timberlake** is superwoman, living in Virginia with her five kids and a deployed husband!

Aaron Zielinski continues to build his financial advisory practice at Wells Fargo Advisors in Norfolk. He, wife Lisa, and son Benjamin, 18 months, enjoyed the summer, during which they took Benjamin for his first zoo outing. They also took a short road trip to Maryland to visit **Larry Shutts**, wife Michelle, and son Hudson.

My husband and I traveled to San Francisco, where we caught up with **Joselle Poblete Duncan '98** at The Ferry Building, to kick off our California to Oregon wine-tasting adventure – a tasty trail that started in Sonoma, Calif., and ended in Willamette, Ore. After that road trip, we drove from Minneapolis to visit family in Toronto and Long Island. I am writing this installment of Class Notes during that road trip from a balcony in Michigan overlooking Lake Huron. Life is filled with such beauty and excitement! I look forward to hearing more news of your adventures and breathtaking moments.

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Thanks to everyone for writing in. Here's your news:

Jayme Morris Van Horn and her husband, **Chris Van Horn**, have *two* updates – twins Caitlin and James were born in January! **Niki Gonyo Throckmorton** and her husband expected their own boy/girl twin combo in October. Niki continues to work for Prince William County Public Schools as an elementary reading specialist. **Adrien Snedeker Dickerson** and Deacon expected their first child in October. A bunch of alumni, including **Brian Lusk** and **Mike Paolino**, attended **Clint McCarthy**'s wedding in Seattle this summer. Robb and **Ashley Lewis Braidwood** welcomed their second child, daughter Luella, on May 4. Luella's older brother Sam loves her to pieces and even calls her his "Sweetie Girl"! Wes and **Joanna Reidel Dunn** await the arrival of their first child in September. Their Washington, D.C., neighbors are Craig and **Katie Shea Britton**, who welcomed daughter Emma Shea on June 11. I was thrilled to meet Emma this summer, and she can't wait to meet her new friend – Baby Chapin – in the fall.

My sincere apologies to **Matt LoFiego**, whom I called Mike in the last issue. Apparently people were asking his wife who this Mike guy was! In other legitimate news, **Heidi Buchanan Keohane** said life in Spotsylvania is good with daughter Riley, 4, and black Lab Homer, 5. Heidi teaches math in the Commonwealth Governor's School at Stafford High School. She spent two weeks in Florida last summer and visited Krakow, Poland, in summer 2008. **Todd Hamlin** is busy in Northern Virginia playing soccer and enjoying politics. Hamlin, **Brian Graziano**, and Deacon were among the thousands at the Phish show at Fenway Park last summer, and the guys stayed with us on their way up to Boston.

Wendy Sulc and daughter Natalie spent a week last summer on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with **Amy Wachenfeld Eagen** and her family – husband Tim and daughter Lily – with **Abby Mitchell Pearce** and her family – husband Ben and daughter Emily – and with **Matt Galeone**, who braved the week with *three toddlers*. Matt turned out to be the girls' BFF. Wendy said it was surreal to see the classmates' three little girls playing together. As I wrote these class notes, Amy and Tim were expecting their second child, a boy, to arrive any day!

Last summer, **Jen Carter Tsimpris** and Basil married, then honeymooned in Maui and San Francisco before returning home to Richmond. They planned to attend the 30th anniversary banquet of the Mary Washington Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion this fall.

Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes lives in Philadelphia, chases after Danny, 5, and Lucas, 3, and manages her photography business. She just published *Alphabet Soup*, a children's book of her whimsical still-life photographs. This accomplishment, she reported, does not excuse her from having to change diapers, walk the dogs, and pick up the millions of tiny Legos that always end up underfoot.

Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes '98 just published Alphabet Soup, *a children's book of her whimsical still-life photographs.*

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I traveled back to Virginia this summer to visit with my new niece, Abigail Grace Eggleston, born in late May. I attended Project Zero at Harvard in July, where I learned wonderful techniques and theories to apply to my craft. Atlanta continues to serve me well; I am looking to buy a house as I began my third year at Trinity School teaching fourth grade.

In September, **Katy Buchanan** and **Paul Storer** married in Fredericksburg. I served as maid of honor. **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** was a bridesmaid; she and husband Lee welcomed their son, Andrew William, in June. **Corey Sell** is pursuing his doctorate and was transferred to fifth grade in the Arlington, Va., school system. He decided to move closer to the city and found a great apartment overlooking the Potomac River in Rosslyn, Va. **Lisa Mueller** bought a condo in November, only to find out in the spring that she would spend the next school year teaching fourth grade in Scotland on a Fulbright grant.

Dennis Rudnick is pursuing a doctorate in multicultural education at Washington University in Seattle. He and Joy Patzke plan to marry in July 2010.

Justin and **Katrina Glynn Ivatts** adopted Miles Jungbin, a little boy from South Korea. They made the 15-hour flight to Seoul to take custody of him and also visited some ancient royal palaces and a Korean Folk Village, which is like the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in D.C., with a focus on Korean heritage. Justin and Katrina had a Korean-style first birthday party for Miles, which included a traditional fortune-telling ritual. Called a Tol ceremony, the father holds the child over a table where several items from which the child chooses are displayed. Miles "chose his fortune" in the apple, which symbolizes fertility and the wish to have many children, and the musical recorder, for having musical gifts!

In April 2009, Stone Garden Publications published **M. Leigh Carson**'s first book, a sci-fi/fantasy, under her pseudonym, Katrina Michaels. After eight months, three Realtors, two lenders, and five offers, **Jimmy Rhodes** purchased his first home in Fairfax, Va. He works with the American Diabetes Society.

Shannon Maguire enjoyed being back in Washington temporarily after spending two years in Vietnam, where she worked for an non-governmental organization and her husband served as a Foreign Service officer with the State Department. Back in D.C., she saw her husband off for a year in Iraq and planned later to move with him to Sarajevo, Bosnia, for three years. Shannon saw **Mariama Souare** almost every day, as they worked together in the same organization in D.C. Mariama and her husband live in Annandale, Va., and have a beautiful baby boy, Barry. **Shannon Blevins** and her husband also live in Annandale and also have a beautiful baby boy, Caden. Shannon plans to visit Shannon Maguire in Bosnia and hit the Dalmatian coast, Greece, Italy, and Turkey.

Andy and **Hollie Writtenberry Hill** of Leesburg, Va., welcomed their first child, Elisabeth Anne, in April 2009. Hollie is band director and music teacher at Nysmith School for the Gifted in Herndon, Va.

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Travis Jones and **Julie Drexel Carney '99** were married in Philadelphia, on July 10th. They currently reside in Wilmington, Del.

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Anna Mills Matthews and her husband, Barrie, welcomed baby Jackson in December 2008, and they established a new dental practice in Miles City, Mont. She finished her master of education degree and will soon student teach.

Kevin Johnson and **Amber Rector Johnson** expected their first baby, a girl, in August. **Erin Campbell** and **Kirk Madsen** married on June 27, 2009, at Santillane in Fincastle, Va. They live in the Cherrydale neighborhood of Arlington, Va.

Hannah Slotnick '04 married Anthony Lindoff in an ocean-side ceremony in Juneau, Alaska, where they live. Hannah is the European marketing coordinator for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, and Anthony is a business development analyst for the Sealaska Corp.

Jesica Mangun earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy in 2008. She is pursuing a two-year pharmacotherapy residency at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md. After she finishes the residency next year, she plans to look for a clinical specialist position at a large teaching hospital.

Chrissy Soper Smith and **Conor Smith '03** welcomed first-child Madeline Larkin in May 2009. **Danielle Reeves**, a state research assistant in disaster preparedness, is pursuing a master of public administration degree for public health policy. Last summer, she conducted research at orphanages in Cusco, Peru. **Abby Kistler** graduated with honors from New York University College of Nursing and she is now a registered nurse.

Janine Evans, a 2007 law-school graduate, is an attorney for a law firm in the Maryland-D.C. area. **Lauren Legard** and **Kevin Hickerson '02** married in Fairfax, Va., on August 8, 2009. Lauren is pursuing a master's degree in library science from the University of South Carolina; she hopes to become a school librarian. Kevin teaches English at Chantilly High School. Lauren and Kevin hope to buy a house in Northern Virginia.

Jill Hurst received a doctorate in pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences from the University of Georgia last fall and took a post-doctoral research position at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. **Alexis Slack**, a licensed clinical social worker as of October 2008, provides therapy to youth and families. She bought and remodeled a condo in Centreville. **Randy Shiflet II** bought a townhome in Chantilly, Va., last spring; **Toby Reifsnyder '06** is his housemate.

Chris Dimotsis received a master's degree in city and regional planning from the University of Pennsylvania in May. He is looking for jobs in urban redevelopment and affordable housing in Washington, D.C., New York City, and Philadelphia. **Erin Hirsch**, married to Brian Sayre, received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Troy State University in Orlando, Fla.

Meghan Archibald Berney married Chad Berney, a University of Alabama grad, in March 2009 at The Homestead resort in Hot Springs, Va. **Rachel Copen** and **Alina Fleury '06** were bridesmaids, and **Dan Archibald '05** was the "bridesman." The couple purchased a home in Fredericksburg, where they live happily with their two cats. Meghan works in the

Regulatory Affairs Department at MediCorp Health System and is pursuing a paralegal certificate.

Rachel Smith is in her fifth year of teaching seventh-grade U.S. history in Fairfax County, Va. **Suzanne Gallagher Welch** and husband Ryan have lived in Savannah, Ga., since December 2006 with dogs Sydney and Dingo. Ryan is an Army Black Hawk helicopter pilot stationed at Hunter Army Airfield. Suzanne has worked since December of 2007 in the Department of Housing and Residence Life at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She completed a master of arts degree in liberal and professional studies there in May.

Shalini Henry and **Adam Robison '03** purchased their

Alumna's *Shiver* is Headed to the Big Screen

To say **Maggie Hummel Stiefvater**'s career as a fiction writer is progressing nicely would be an understatement.

Her second novel, *Shiver,* was released this summer, and here's how things have unfolded: Publishing houses bid on rights to the book, the 2003 graduate signed a six-figure contract; the book debuted on *The New York Times* young-adult bestseller list at No. 9 and has remained there, rising in the rankings; reviewers embraced *Shiver*; the book is slated to be published in 24 foreign languages; and movie rights have been picked up for *Shiver* and its two yet-to-be-released sequels. And, by the way, the publishing house that won the auction was Scholastic, known for its success with a series about a young wizard named Harry Potter.

Shiver is about Sam and the young woman he loves, Grace. The two are crazy about each other, but there is a problem. Sam is a werewolf. He's human in the warm months, but when winter arrives he becomes a wolf. The book is rich in visual detail and plotted with a rising urgency that reviewers praise. After generating "considerable film interest," according to Stiefvater, screen rights were picked up September by Unique Features, which plans to option *Shiver* first to Warner Bros.

In explaining why he was so interested in the book, Unique Features partner Bob Shaye, said, "The author has a strong take on a young adult sensibility. It's also a sexy love story that isn't too over the top."

Stiefvater said, "I didn't realize how much more commercial this book is than my first." Her first novel, also a young-adult book, is *Lament*, a tale about faerie assassins. Though Stiefvater's stories have trappings of the supernatural, they are grounded in the life all her readers can recognize. As she puts it, she aspires to create characters and plot lines that fit "seamlessly and subtly into the real world."

In what environment does a writer prepare for such ventures as inventing otherwise ordinary worlds populated by homicidal faeries and a boyfriend-turned-winter-werewolf? For Stiefvater, Mary Washington was just the place.

John Earl

Maggie Hummel Stiefvater's *Shiver* will be translated to 24 languages. She has sold the movie rights not only to the best-selling novel, but also to its two yet-to-be-released sequels.

A Navy brat, she had lived all over, but was born in Virginia and had returned to the commonwealth by the time she was ready for college. She had a full-ride scholarship offer from Boston College, but Mary Washington seemed the better fit. Among other attractions was the fact that the school had a pipe band, one of Stiefvater's passions.

UMW offered Stiefvater the challenge she needed to develop her gift for prose – prose that reviewers have described as lyrical and transcendent. The two faculty members she credits most are Teresa A. Kennedy, chair of the English department, and history professor Bruce R. O'Brien. Both have expertise in things medieval, and they gave Stiefvater an appreciation for the ancient tales that inform her novels.

O'Brien and Kennedy also inspired her to do her best work, she said. "They were absolutely my toughest professors." Both pushed Stiefvater to realize her potential.

She recalls getting a paper back from O'Brien with a mark she thought was lower than it should be. She challenged the grade, certain the paper was as good as or better than the work of anyone else in the class. "He just told me, 'Yes, but you could do better.' " UMW professors taught her a valuable lesson: "You are in competition with yourself first and foremost."

Stiefvater met her husband-to-be during her time at Mary Washington – actually, while she was at her job in downtown Fredericksburg. Edward Stiefvater is a deputy sheriff in nearby Westmoreland County, where they live with their two children, ages 4 and 5; two dogs; and two cats.

At Mary Washington, Stiefvater was a member of the celtic band Ballynoola and the Eagle Pipe Band. She still makes time to compose and perform music. And she is an artist who carries a sketchbook when she travels. Check out greywarenart.blogspot.com – if you've been in an airport with her; you might recognize yourself in one of the drawings she has posted online.

But she may not have the luxury of sketching anonymously much longer; her blossoming fame has changed things, she said. She's gone from being relatively unknown to someone likely to hear: "Maggie? Maggie Stiefvater? You wrote *Shiver*!"

Fortunately, her alma mater is close by; it keeps her grounded and offers a place to reflect.

"My kids go to school in Fredericksburg," Stiefvater said. "The other day, after I dropped them off, I walked the campus. The students looked so young; it was hard to imagine that just six years ago I was one of them, with no idea of where life was going to lead me."

– Randy Hallman

first home in Herndon, Va., in August 2008. **Stephanie Bolte** completed a master of science degree in analytical chemistry at University of Delaware; she works in regulatory affairs for Ashland Hercules in Wilmington, Del. She and Rich Frankel plan to marry in April 2010.

Kristin Simmers is still teaching in Zurich, Switzerland. **Patrick Hiltz** is a legal collector and trainer for the Virginia Department of Taxation in Richmond, Va. He enjoys buying and reading books on politics, theology, and economics.

Rachel Keller Hoffman '04, a youth minister at River Road Church in Richmond, Va., finished a master of divinity degree and was ordained in May 2008.

Mike Kuchler completed his Peace Corps assignment in Costa Rica, where he met his wife, Alejandra. He has worked for two years with a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractor helping to manage economic growth projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. In July, he was to have begun a long-term position working for the Guyana Trade and Investment Support project in Georgetown, Guyana in South America. This is a $7.3 million USAID project designed to increase value-added exports and stimulate investment in Guyana's agriculture, aquaculture, sustainable forestry, and ecotourism sectors.

Kathy Vi received a master of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in May. She is now a case manager with Braley & Thompson Inc., a foster care agency in Woodbridge, Va. **Hannah Slotnick** married Anthony Lindoff on Aug. 8, 2009, in an ocean-side ceremony in Juneau, Alaska, where they live. Hannah is the European marketing coordinator for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, and Anthony is a business development analyst for the Sealaska Corp.

Almeda McMullen Smith, an operations manager for a defense contracting company, lives with her family in Kansas City, Mo. On May 2, 2009, she welcomed baby Abigail Almeda Ronoka Smith. Almeda is pursuing an MBA at Babson College. **Gary Seeba** graduated from the Medical College of Georgia dental school in May. He's begun a six-year integrated oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

Ed and **Heidi Carlson Stello** welcomed their first baby, Charlie, in April. **Anne Beverly Kirkland** recently earned an education specialist degree in school administration from U.Va. She finished her fifth year teaching special education classes, and she plans to pursue a doctorate in education policy from George Mason University. Three years ago, she married the wonderful and very handsome Justin Kirkland, a marketing director at U.Va.

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Mike Casey and **Mary Beth Ramsey** married in October 2008 and for the last year lived in Arlington, Va. Mary Beth worked at Westat on the National Children's Study and planned to begin medical school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond in August. Mike graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in May. He completed the first year in Bologna, Italy, and the second in Washington, D.C.

Sara Richmond Walls, **Lee Walls**, and adorable son Nathanial Reid Walls live in Mebane, N.C. **Sarah Winnan** is pursuing a master's degree in international relations with a focus on international economics and conflict management from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Meghan Mascelli married Stephen Goehler in January. She is pursuing a master's degree in public communications, a writing degree, from American University. **Erin Haile** married Charlie Whetzel, whom she has known since second grade! They live in her hometown of Harrisonburg, Va., where Erin teaches high school art. Erin and Charlie bought their first home and a puppy to go with it. She is loving life, and sends thanks to all the UMW "faculty and staff members who helped me get where I am today."

Connor Peterson was interning in France, part of an international MBA program at the University of South Carolina. **Erin Hopkins**, Connor's wife of three years, was looking for apartments in South Carolina. **Alyssa Ehret Fagen** welcomed a baby boy, Doyle James, on Feb. 19, 2009.

Jade K. Willard married Timothy W. Rohde two weeks after Tim's redeployment from Iraq with the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division. They had a small, private ceremony on the island of Oahu on March 2 and honeymooned across Molokai, Maui, and Lanai. When it was over, they packed up their home on the North Shore of Oahu and moved to Fort Benning, Ga., for Tim's next assignment, which was to have begun in July.

Portsia Smith is the online content producer for fredericksburg.com and a staff reporter for *The Free Lance-Star*. Her son, Izaiah, turned 1 in February. **Alexis Pappas** and her fiancé, Brian Moffitt, have bought a house and planned to marry in late September. **Rachel Keller Hoffman**, a youth minister at River Road Church in Richmond, Va., finished a master of divinity degree and was ordained in May 2008. She began work toward a master's degree in counseling last fall and is pursuing state counseling licensure.

David Rickey earned a master of fine arts degree in historic preservation from the Savannah College of Art and Design; he was looking for a job. **Mark Malone** and **Emily Talbot '08** plan to marry Oct. 31, 2009, and live in their new townhouse in Stevensville, Md., with two French bull dogs. **Sameer Vaswani** and his brother just bought a townhome together in Vienna, Va.

2005 Reunion Weekend

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Our first Reunion Weekend is coming up next year – please save the dates of June 4 to 6, 2010, to come to Fredericksburg for our five-year reunion and reconnect with past classmates and friends!

Daniel Archibald is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Bogo, Cameroon. His main focus is agro-forestry, but he also tutors English; plays in local football matches; takes care of his puppy, Timschel; and blogs about it all at www.cameroondan.blogspot.com.

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Cara Stout, of South Carolina, was promoted to assistant director of admissions for the College

of Charleston. She is pursuing a master of education degree in Spanish language there.

Jeremy Potter and his wife, **Meredith Dunham Potter '04**, live in New Milford, Conn. In August, Jeremy enrolled full time at the New York Law School. **Samantha Smith Newbold** and husband **Mike Newbold '04** are expecting a baby this December. **Jennifer Condon** plans to marry Dan Entwistle on Dec. 19, 2009, and they will live in Medford, N.J. The bridal party will include **Mary Osing**, **Ashley Miller**, and **Lydia Haas**. Jen wrote, "You have to love the connections made at Mary Washington – they last a life time!"

Katie Jensen and **Tim Spurr '04** planned to marry in October 2009. Tom Puppi is a civilian for the Department of Defense under the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chief Information Officer. **Doreen Ciavarelli** was married in August 2009 and moved to Iraq the next month to work for the State Department for one year.

Sara May Bailey received an MBA in contracts and procurement from UMW in May 2009. **Autumn Arrowood** married Steve Hibberd on June 20, 2009, in Virginia. Her bridal party included **Laura Rawlett**, **Betsy Pitti**, **Beth Young**, and **Emily Grogg '03**.

David Voth lives in Richmond, Va., and hopes to finish an MBA from the VCU School of Business by spring 2011. He is taking the prerequisite classes for medical school and hopes to apply in the summer of 2011. He would like to bridge the gap between business and medicine by working in hospital management and as a physician. He hikes and plays tennis. His fiancée graduated from VCU School of Dentistry in May; they plan to marry in October 2010.

On a somber note, **Megan Brown** passed away on July 25, 2009, after a long, courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Our sympathy goes to her friends and family.

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Amy Sutphin Cackowski married June 6, 2009. She was to have begun teaching third grade at Bradley Elementary in Warrenton,Va., in August. **Jennifer Davis** is in Mali, West Africa, as an environment Peace Corps volunteer working with shea butter production and ameliorated seed trials.

Caitlin Erickson is assistant coach for field hockey and women's lacrosse in the UMW athletic department. She was to have begun work toward an MBA at UMW in August. **Leslie McGlothlin** earned a master's degree in linguistics from U.Va. She works in D.C.

In 2008 and 2009, **Kaitlyn Gardy** studied at the College of William & Mary in the National Institute of American History and Democracy's Collegiate Program in American History, Material Culture, and Museum Studies. In August, she was to have begun work toward a master's degree in comparative history at William & Mary; she hopes to finish in a year.

Stan Kennedy and **Trish Lauck** bought their first home in Chesterfield, Va., in May. Stan works at Wachovia, and Trish works at Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals Inc. **Alyssa Lee** finished an internship with the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C. She was to have begun work with the Americorps VISTA CIS program in August. **Marlysa Lohr** moved to Washington, D.C., and works for the AFL-CIO at Union Privilege.

Krishna Sinha lives in Tyson's Corner, Va. He is a financial analyst for Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems – Space and ISR Systems Division at the headquarters in Baltimore, Md. **Amanda Hill** lives in Charlottesville, where she finished the first year of classes toward a master's degree in speech-language pathology at U.Va. She plans to graduate in December of 2010.

Caitlin Erickson '08 is UMW's assistant coach for field hockey and women's lacrosse. She is also working toward her MBA at UMW.

Corrie Scheer, who is married, graduated in May with a five-year master of science in elementary education degree from UMW. Spotsylvania County Schools hired her as a kindergarten teacher at the same school and teaching the same grade level at which she conducted her student teaching internship. She was to have begun teaching there in August.

Sam Shafovaloff moved to Richmond for what he hoped would be a successful sales career with AT&T. For one beautiful summer, he sat on his front porch sipping mint juleps and admiring the columns of West Cary Street. For Christmas, however, the company gave him a severance package. Now, he lives at home and is looking for work.

2009

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Hi Class of 2009! We look forward to receiving news about your lives outside of UMW, whether it be engagements, marriages, new jobs, or whatever you want to share. We look forward to hearing from you!

Meg McDonough lives in New York City and works in Manhattan for Welch Integrated Inc., a marketing company in the motion picture/entertainment industry. As event marketing manager, she organizes events with A-list film directors, cinematographers, and camera operators; works for the public relations office; and assists with marketing and business negotiations.

David Flores is an English teacher in Dalian, China, with F&S International Education. He will be there for 10 months – until June – to teach children between ages 5 and 18.

Congratulations and much happiness to the following classmates who are getting married: **Meredith Bojarski** and **Nicky Southwell**; **Charlotte Rowell** and **Joel Sellier**; **Jessica Hager** and **Kevin Bowman**; **Brianne Doura** and **Ben Tolson '07**; **Laura Dorsey** and **TJ Harrington**; **Chrissie Woolsey** and **Cary Lincoln '08**; and **Kasey Walker** and Michael Althoff.

Condolences

Frances Watts Barker '45, who lost her husband
Lois Loehr Brown '41, who lost her daughter
Beverley Beadles Jackson '46, who lost her husband
Erminia Ubaldi Daspit '49, who lost her husband
Karen Osborne Dameron '52, who lost her husband
Carol Edgerton Cooper '52, who lost her husband
Peggy Hopkins Johnson '53, who lost her husband
Nancy Warner Heese '54, who lost her husband
Helen Hopkins Timberlake '50, who lost her husband
Billie Lee Woods Jarrett '59, who lost her husband
Helen Parks-McGuire '63, who lost her husband
Mary Vaughan Pickett '65, who lost her husband
Eden Butler '92, who lost her mother

In Memoriam

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Charlotte Miles James '34
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Ina R. Collins '36
Arline Wade Winn '36
Margaret Kloman Doane '37
Elmer Dean Howell Brinkley '38
Miriam Carpenter Carroll '39
Dorothy S. Denton '39
Georgiana Chandler Woodhouse '39
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Mildred Burner Kerns '41
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Laura Darlington Holman Rawls '41
Mary Katherine Pappandreou Davis '42
Mary Lou Fary '42
Margaret W. Walker '42
Leah F. Waller '44
George Etta Stacey Leath '45
Mary Louise Conover Miller '45
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Julia Jean Dooley Overstreet '47
Mary Jane Lindenberger Setzer '47
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Mary Jane Marshall Oulahan '48
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Patricia Pascoe Jones '81
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Charles Luther Fry III '82
Sandra Lyn Dudley '89
Megan Leigh Brown '05
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In Remembrance

Glen R. Thomas

Retired history professor **Glen R. Thomas** died on July 18. He was awarded emeritus status in May of 1988.

Thomas joined the Mary Washington College faculty in 1962 after a stint in the Marine Corps during World War II and a period of practicing clinical psychology. A member of the psychology department, Thomas conducted annual "fireside" seminars in the humanities and participated in early liberal arts seminars.

He then went to graduate school and earned a master's degree in English and a doctorate in American Studies. Upon returning to Mary Washington in 1970, Thomas established the American Studies program and served as its director until his retirement. He also assisted in planning and structuring the Mary Washington Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program.

In 1977, Thomas received the Grellet C. Simpson Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Barbara Palmer

Former Mary Washington College Dean Barbara Palmer died on Sept. 15. She served as Dean of the Faculty from 1994 until 1997. After that, she was a professor in the English department until her retirement in 2000. Throughout her professional life, Palmer distinguished herself as a scholar of early renaissance drama.

After her retirement from Mary Washington, Palmer served as a scholar-in-residence at Mary Baldwin College, where she founded REED USA, a charitable organization devoted to supporting the Records of Early English Drama at the University of Toronto.

Palmer belonged to the Shakespeare Association of America and the Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society. She was published widely in distinguished academic journals such as *Shakespeare Quarterly* and *Early Theatre*.

CLOSING COLUMN

Pioneering Professors

A Brief History of UMW's 50-Year-Old Geography Department

By Marshall E. Bowen
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Emeritus of Geography

In the fall of 1964, I was 26 years old with a wife and three children and another one on the way. I was also a student in the geography doctoral program at Boston University. One afternoon while I was in a lab, the department secretary knocked on the door and informed the professor that I had an important phone call. The caller was Sam Emory, who had started the geography program at Mary Washington five years earlier. Sam asked me if I was interested in coming to Fredericksburg to be interviewed for a job.

Sam was adding a third person to what was then the Department of Geography and Geology, which consisted of Sam and one other professor. He had advertised the position, but had received very few applications. In desperation, Sam called someone he knew at Boston University. I was recommended, I suspect, because I was nearly broke and in need of a job at the end of the spring semester.

A few days later I came to Fredericksburg, interviewed, and flew home that night. A week later, I received an offer to join the Mary Washington faculty at the princely annual salary of $7,200. I accepted immediately.

Sam loved politics of all sorts, and was undoubtedly disappointed when he found that the person he had hired detested politics. But what he did get was a guy who was willing to teach a wide variety of courses – seven different ones in my first year – and to go about his business in a workmanlike way. Between the two of us, we offered 39 credits each year, and when we added geology classes into the mix, we had more than enough courses to offer a major. Sam had wanted to offer a major from the time he arrived at Mary Washington, but didn't initially have the staff to do it.

We were strange bedfellows – Sam, a Southern gentleman and the son of a university professor, and me, a brash young Yankee whose father was an auto mechanic. We made it work, though, and Sam's dream of developing a real department with an attractive major began to be realized.

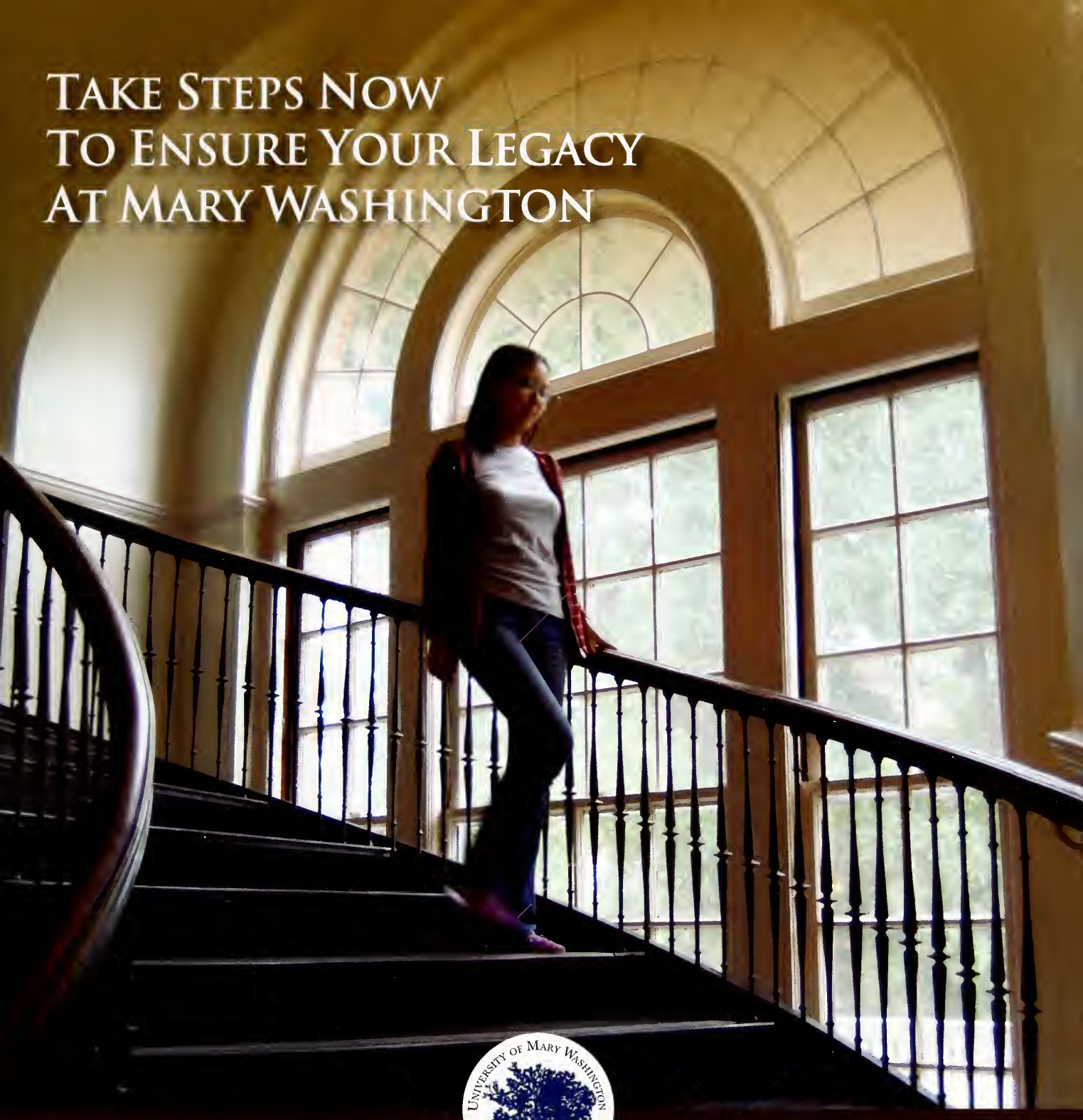
In 1969, we hired Jim Gouger as our third geographer. His arrival breathed fresh life into the department. He developed new courses in cartography, air photo interpretation, the history of geographic thought, and human environment. Because Jim was a night owl, the cartography lab was in active operation until well after midnight, seven days a week, and soon it became a gathering place for majors – as much a social as an academic venue – which promoted a strong sense of togetherness. Jim also took the lead in organizing a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the geography honorary society. He encouraged students to conduct independent research in Virginia, other parts of the country, and abroad. Early on, two of his students did their work in Central America, something that was nearly unheard-of at the time.

Until Jim joined the department, almost no Mary Washington geographers attended graduate school. But when students had opportunities to conduct independent research and to meet other geographers – both graduate students and faculty – at national meetings, the number who went to graduate school grew exponentially.

Then, in the mid-1970s, Mary Washington hired Dick Palmieri. Dick was brought in to expand and strengthen our Asian offerings. He did this, but he also undertook the task of re-shaping the major. In the process, we added a cultural course (now called human geography), which Dick was eminently qualified to teach, and a physical course, which Dick developed and taught. That course created the foundation for today's introductory physical geography offerings. Eventually, we had a stellar major program that required all students to take certain fundamental courses and still allowed them to branch out into areas of their particular interests.

Sadly, Sam, Jim, and Dick are no longer with us. Dick died in 1997; both Sam and Jim have passed away in the last year. As we look back, we often remember – with wry smiles – some of their eccentricities. Many still recall or have at least heard about Jim Gouger's late night final exams, complete with a model train chugging around the cart lab and Willie Nelson singing Christmas carols.

Such things are fun to remember. But we must also remember that Sam Emory created this department from scratch, hired professors who expanded its scope, and guided it with steady professionalism for more than half of its existence; that Jim Gouger introduced a lot of the special things that give today's department its identity; and that Dick Palmieri added rigor and structure to a program that was in need of both. None of us – fellow faculty, alumni, current students – would be who we are, or where we are, or what we are, without the enormous contributions of this trio of pioneers. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Department of Geography, we should be grateful for what these men created and promise ourselves that they, and their legacy, will never be forgotten.



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